

PRIMATE 'WAITS FOR HIS ATTACK TO SINK IN'

By COLIN RANDALL

LAMBETH PALACE yesterday strongly denied that the Archbishop of Canterbury's outspoken criticism of Government policies was deliberately timed to coincide with the opening of the Conservative party conference.

While Dr Runcie was keeping any further thoughts to himself, determinedly dodging reporters' questions during a visit to Bristol, a spokesman at the Palace said he had "very carefully" considered his remarks before making them.

"They were not linked in any way at all to the start of the Conservative party conference," the spokesman said.

Dr Runcie's concern about events has been growing in recent weeks and months and he felt it was time to speak out.

Dr Runcie said in Bristol, where he attended three private functions after co-ordinating the beginning-of-term university service in Bristol Cathedral, that he had nothing to add to the comments he made in the Times.

Asked why he replied simply, "Because I have written what I have written."

His chaplain, Rev John Witteridge, said: "Having made Editorial Comment — P16

his statement, he now wishes to wait for his message to sink in before adding to it."

One of the archbishop's Bristol engagements took him to a seminar of the University's Theological Society. Students packing the lecture theatre were told by Dr Runcie that he did not wish to touch on issues to the news.

However, one student who pressed him about the need for "passionate coolness," one of his themes during Sunday night's cathedral service, did elicit the reply that Dr Runcie found "confrontational slogans painful to live with."

In his Times interview, Dr Runcie said that an undoubted increase in living standards for the majority of the people was taking place when the number of young people out of work and the "sense of helplessness about future plans for communities" were becoming acute.

"I am asking serious questions about justifiable aims, undoubted achievements of social betterment, at the expense of real breakdowns in human rela-

tions and a sense of common purpose and hope.

"There seems to be a movement from consensus to confrontation and also a growing scale of confrontation with the involvement of police and pickets on a national scale."

The archbishop said that democratic procedures, police forces, the judiciary and the unions were all under threat from "a minority making intransigent demands and denouncing all opposition as political, and rallying forces in a demagogic sort of way."

Fearing that the public might one day wake up and see that Britain was no longer a society decent enough to live in, he spoke of "glaringly unfair" conditions and increasingly real hardship among some sections of the population.

He deplored violence and the symptoms leading to it: "abuse, the cheap imitation of the worst possible motives; treating people as scum in speech; all this pumping of vituperation into the atmosphere."

Much of this criticism was clearly directed against elements involved in the miners' strike, and the archbishop continued:

"We need leadership in our nation life which will unite and not divide the nation. That is not an attack on the Government. But in pressing for consensus and reconciliation, he warned that "bitterness and anger" would spread, especially if the strike began to cause power cuts, and that the divisions created would take generations to heal.

"There is a danger that there will be an increased authoritarian kind of government either from the Right or the Left," he said.

SCHOOLS HIT

Shortages of boiler coal in South Wales meant that nearly 3,000 pupils in Mid-Glamorgan had to stay at home yesterday because of unheated classrooms.



The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Runcie, leaving Bristol University yesterday after addressing students in the Department of Theology.

Bail case miners to wait for ruling

By TERENCE SHAW Legal Correspondent

NINE miners who are challenging the legality of bail conditions that restrict them to picketing outside their own pits had judgment in their test case reserved by the Queen's Bench Divisional Court yesterday.

The nine Yorkshire miners were arrested on picket lines and charged under the 1936 Public Order Act with obstructing the police or using threatening words and behaviour.

They claim that the bail conditions imposed by magistrates at Mansfield, Notts, contravene the 1976 Bail Act.

Mr JOHN MACDONALD, O.C., their counsel, told Lord Lane Lord Chief Justice, and two other judges that the nine were all of previous good character and were "not wild men of the picket line."

There was "insufficient material" before the magistrates to justify such conditions. Although the magistrates denied this, it appeared that they were being imposed as a matter of policy.

In at least two cases the court clerk was seen to be filling in bail conditions before defence counsel had completed their submission, he claimed.

Lord Lane, sitting with Mr Justice Leggatt and Mr Justice Stuart-Smith, commented that any impression that "conveyor belt justice is being operated must be deplored."

Mr Macdonald argued that conditions could only be imposed when magistrates had "substantial grounds" for believing that the defendant might commit an offence while on bail.

Mr BRIAN APPLEBY, O.C., representing the Nottinghamshire police, claimed that the magistrates had acted correctly and lawfully.

Even though the alleged offences were "comparatively minor," in the atmosphere of the strike "it could only take a minor spark to cause a major explosion."

Picket lines

Mr JOHN LAWS, who had been instructed by the Treasury Solicitor to assist the court with legal argument, agreed that the magistrates were entitled to consider the general situation on picket lines.

The nine miners bringing the case are Stephen Sharkey, of Thurston Grove, Thurston, near Rotherham; Geoffrey Barron, of Abbot's Road, Lundwood, Barnsley; Peter Hunt, of Derrin Road, Bolton-under-Barnsley; Rotherham John Grove, of Brookhouse Lane, Edlington, Doncaster; Paul Robinson, of Box Quarry Terrace, Dinnington, near Sheffield; Graham Fellows, of Ulswater Close, North Anson, Sheffield; James Anderson, of Kings Road, Askerne, near Doncaster; Martin Swarner, of Queen's Road, Doncaster; and Brian Fretwell, of Shelley Drive, Arncliffe, Doncaster.

Political leaning creeps into naming of bishops

By Canon D. W. GUNDRY Churches Correspondent

WITH at least five diocesan bishoprics to be filled in the near future, the Crown Appointments Commission is faced with the unusual problem of having to inquire into the political complexion of candidates in deciding whether to recommend them.

After recent episcopal utterances, and those of the Bishop of Durham in particular, the Commission can scarcely avoid the political question, if only by the way.

A new bishop of Winchester is expected to be announced quite soon. The Bishops of Bristol, Chelmsford, Exeter and Southwell have all announced their retirement.

The area bishopric of Edmonton in London becomes vacant through the translation of Bishop Westwood to Peterborough.

Before 1977 Prime Ministers alone, after taking advice, recommended names for such appointments.

During the Labour administrations between the two Wars several appointments were blatantly political, as in that of Dr E. W. Barnes to Birmingham.

Activist quarters

Generally, Conservative Prime Ministers were less inclined to appoint bishops that way. Churchill nominated William Temple, a Socialist, to the archbishopric of Canterbury in 1942.

In 1977, after years of agitation from some activist Church quarters, Mr James Callaghan, then Prime Minister, and the Archbishop of Canterbury, then Lord Coggan, agreed on a non-statutory procedure.

The Crown Appointments Commission, representing the General Synod and the diocese concerned, now recommends two names to the Prime Minister.

These are submitted to the Queen, who as supreme Governor of the Church appoints all bishops.

So far Prime Ministers have accepted the Commission's nominations.

Although Mr Callaghan pointed out in 1977 that the Synod could not expect the Prime Minister to act simply as a postman between the Synod and the Sovereign.

He reserved the right for himself and his successors to ask the Commission to think again or even to advise the Crown independently.

But such action might well provoke a constitutional crisis, particularly if the Synod had an exaggerated sense of its own importance.

The Church, or rather the Synod, is certainly no longer the Conservative party at prayer, if, indeed, it ever was.

The trouble is that where the use of the Church for political ends is concerned, the Right and Centre are too diffident, the Left too insinuating.

In the present climate a thorough Socialist can become a bishop but not a thorough Tory.

Many brainwashed

There are now many Church people who have been so brainwashed that they assume that Socialism is synonymous with Christianity.

The political stance of candidates has not loomed large in the Commission's deliberations hitherto. Almost certainly this was not the case when it recommended Prof. David Jenkins for Durham.

But the Archbishop now has a problem, which formerly was that of the Crown alone.

If the Commission were to recommend distinctly party-political clerics for bishoprics, no one could blame the Prime Minister for advising the Queen to look elsewhere.

But would she dare, and thereby risk a confrontation between Church and State?

The Commission may decide to play down the political question and look for bishops who are primarily pastors.

It might also look for scholars who know how to teach the faith in modern vein without alienating the faithful.

A policeman was injured when a brick was thrown through the window of his gaudy car from a crowd of 200 pickets at Longannet mine in West Fife, Scotland, yesterday.

Pc Daniel Hutchinson's face was cut by the brick and he was taken to hospital in Glenrothes. There was one arrest.

WORK-ON MEN VISIT WALES

Daily Telegraph Reporter
THREE members of the working miners' national committee arrived back last night from Poland where they had gone to meet Mr Lech Walesa.

Their leader, Mr Anthony Ellis, the committee's vice-chairman, said Mr Walesa was "very ill" with angina.

Mr Ellis, a member of the NUM clerical section, said at Heathrow that he had been robbed and his baggage searched while in Warsaw during their three-day visit.

"All three of us have been given a very rough time by the Polish authorities," he said.

The meeting was arranged between contacts the committee has made with the Solidarity movement in Britain. Arrangements for the trip have been in the control of Solidarity representatives in Britain and it was described last week as an effort to encourage working British miners.

A member of the committee said that they had been told by Solidarity that the working British miners were being controlled by the state intrinsically as Polish workers seeking reforms in their unions.

Last year, Mr Scargill, NUM president, described Solidarity as "an anti-Socialist organisation who desire the overthrow of a Socialist state."

Back-to-work miner sacked

THE NUM in North Derbyshire accused the Coal Board yesterday of hypocrisy in encouraging a miner to return to work then sacking him for an offence committed while on strike.

Mr Graham Price, of Lansbury Avenue, Pilsley, near Chesterfield, who went back to work for the sake of his pregnant wife and two children, broke the window of an NCB bus while on picket duty during his five months on strike.

He said yesterday that he told the board about it and they told him not to worry but to get back to work at Shirebrook pit.

Now he has received a letter sacking him. "I am being punished twice because I have a court fine to pay and now I am out of a job," he said.

An NCB spokesman said any employee convicted of assault or criminal damage was automatically dismissed. Mr Price returned to work before being tried in court and was sacked after being found guilty.

Pits working normally in Staffordshire

By JAMES UBBLEN

ALL seven pits in the Staffordshire coalfield were working normally yesterday with the resumption of Wolstanton Colliery.

The pit produced coal for the first time since the strike began 30 weeks ago, and 330 NUM members were at work.

Resumption of production was delayed by a month due to the collapse in two places of brickwork lining the main coal winding shaft.

Mr George Wood, colliery manager, said: "A major problem in the shaft delayed the restart, but it has been resolved by men who voluntarily returned to work and tackled the job with enthusiasm."

The western area, comprising Staffordshire, Lancashire and North Wales, has 8,700 men at work, more than 60 per cent of the workforce.

In Staffordshire, the attendance is 75 per cent of the workforce, and in Lancashire, 41 per cent at the five pits producing coal.

Partial production

Western area has produced 2,200,000 tonnes of coal since the strike started. Output is about half of the normal figure.

Nine pits are working normally in the area, five are in partial production, two have men at work but not enough to produce coal, and one pit, Bursham, near Wrexham, is picketed out.

Other areas: North Derbyshire, 945 miners at work, including return of 10 former strikers. Total six fewer than last Friday. Yorkshire, six more at work, increasing total to 71. Men in at 19 of area's 55 pits. Picketing in county lighter than usual, with 800 at Yorkshire Main, Edlington, near Doncaster. North East, two more men returned at Wearmouth Colliery, Sunderland, taking total to 21. One man in at Eastington and one at Whitburn workshop. Total attendance highest since board meeting in April, when it was 100.

Providing transport two months ago.

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JUDGE PUTS DOUBLE KILLER ON PROBATION

A FATHER of three who killed his ex-wife and her new husband with a double-barrelled shotgun, then blasted half his face away in a fruitless suicide attempt, walked free from Bristol Crown Court yesterday.

ARTHUR FENTON, 52, still badly disfigured and unable to speak properly because of his injuries, admitted the manslaughter of PAULINE RYAN, 45, and her husband MICHAEL RYAN, 39, on the grounds of diminished responsibility.

His plea of not guilty to the murder of both was accepted, and he was put on probation for three years.

Mr Justice MACPHERSON told him: "I have come to the conclusion that neither justice nor public reaction, nor the need for punishment or example, will be advanced by one jot by leaving you in prison."

"The greatest punishment must be that a man might try to take his own life and leave himself in the visible condition that you have left yourself in."

A calm voice

Mr PAUL CHAM, Q.C., prosecuting, said that after the killings Fenton, of Railway Terrace, Luxulyan, Bodmin, Cornwall, set about shooting himself.

"He failed to kill himself with his first shot, then tried to shoot himself again while he was on the ground."

"He raised himself from the ground using the gun, before making his way along the pavement."



Arthur Fenton: three years probation for double killer.

ment towards his parked car. He was accused by a 25-year-old policewoman, who spoke to him in a calm voice and told him: "Stay there, it's all right."

But Fenton again turned the gun towards himself and put his finger on the trigger, and the policewoman had to back off. Fenton then got into his



The Rev. Walter Evans, with his Russian-born wife, Lyudmila, in Chalford, Glas, yesterday.

Vicar and Kiev bride in plea to embassy

THE Cotswolds parson who had to wait 14 months before being reunited last weekend with his Russian wife said yesterday that he hopes to return to Kiev with her when her visa expires to try to arrange for her to emigrate with her two children to Britain.

The Rev. Walter Evans, 55, the Canadian-born vicar of Chalford, Glos, hugged his wife Lyudmila, 35, and said: "It's wonderful to be together again after all this time."

She has a nine-month visa, but the couple—both divorced—are to visit the Soviet Embassy in London tomorrow to try to have it extended to two or three months.

"We may have to compromise," said Mr Evans, who has two children from his previous marriage. "I hope to travel back with her—if I can raise the money—to help her sort out the problems."

He wished Lyudmila's children, Tania, 15, and Katya, 4, could be with them, but Mrs Evans said it was possible her eldest daughter would have to remain in Russia for a year or so to look after her elderly parents.

'Very happy'

The couple met nine years ago when Mr Evans was on a trip to Russia. Last year they married in Kiev—but he had to leave her to return to England, and could only wait for the Russian authorities to allow her to leave.

Lyudmila, the daughter of a Russian orthodox priest, said: "It's wonderful to be here. I'm very happy, and although I will have to go back to Russia I am looking forward to settling in England next year."

Marriage to a Westerner meant dismissal from her job as an English translator at the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences. "The institute has secrets, and when I married a foreigner there was no possibility of my staying on," she said.

BAR ON REMARRIAGE

Church of England priests in Gloucestershire have rejected the advice of their two local bishops and voted against Church weddings being allowed for divorced people.

SKULL FOUND OF 'EARLIEST KNOWN HORSE'

By Our New York Staff

A fossil find in the Wind River Basin, Wyoming, has yielded the remains of 35 ancient species of mammals, lizards, and frogs including what scientists believe is a complete skull of the world's earliest-known horse.

The site also contains remains of animals unknown to science, according to paleontologists at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Pittsburgh.

"It's the best 50-million-year-old gold mine of fossils in the world. Nothing else compares," said Mr Leonard Kristalka, one of the scientists who discovered the site at the base of the Big Horn Mountains.

POLICE APPEAL OVER BOY'S MURDER

By Our Crime Correspondent

Police investigating the murder of Jeffrey Magv, 12, have appealed for anyone who was in the vicinity of a cemetery at Lower Queens Road, Ashford, Kent, on Saturday to come forward.

They are hoping to trace someone who saw the boy before he was attacked and beaten to death.

His body was found near the cemetery, about three miles from his home on the Stanbone Estate at Ashford after his parents reported him missing.

HEART ATTACK CONFIRMED

Leonard Rossiter, the actor, died of a heart attack, it was confirmed at a post mortem examination in London yesterday. A police spokesman said: "An inquest will not be necessary."

Mr Rossiter, 57, collapsed on Friday during a performance of Joe Orton's play "Loot" at the Lyric Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, and died later in hospital.

Fear of reprisal reflects 'menace' in society

THE "atmosphere of menace in society,"

which made citizens who helped the police too scared to be thanked openly, was described yesterday by the Recorder, Mr GILBERT GRAY, Q.C., at York Crown Court.

He had been told that two burglars were arrested solely because a witness followed their getaway van and alerted police.

But the witness requested that his identity should not be revealed for fear of reprisals.

In commending the man's courageous conduct, the judge said: "Obviously the gentleman who had the initiative to follow the vehicle acted in the best traditions of a citizen."

"It is a pity these days that such is the atmosphere of menace so often in our society he does not feel able to give his name and step forward to receive the thanks of this court."

But the judge added that it was important for members of the public to know that if they did help the police every effort would be made to protect them.

Teamed up in jail

People should feel free to report matters which disturbed them "in the full knowledge that they will not be exposed to the full glare of publicity, or the sneaky unpleasant retribution that sometimes results from such cases."

Earlier Mr PAUL WORSLEY, prosecuting, said THEODORE FOULDS, 27, and JAMES SMITH, 24, had teamed up while serving sentences in Durham Jail.

On their release they "cased" the premises of George Cooper and Sons, a builders' merchant in Pickering, North Yorkshire. After drilling the rear doors with a brace and bit in the early hours they loaded a Transit van with £5,500 worth of tools and drove off.

But they were seen by a

member of the public who jumped in his car and followed them until he was able to read the van's registration number and telephone police.

The van was tailed to Thirsk, where it was forced to stop and both men were eventually captured after a chase by dog handlers.

Foulds, of Analez Terrace North, and Smith, of Williamson Terrace, both Sunderland, admitted burglary. Foulds, who asked for 15 counts of shoplifting to be considered, was jailed for 30 months. Smith was jailed for two years.

3 SOCCER CLUBS TO BE SUED

By Our Sports Correspondent

South Yorkshire County Council are to sue three soccer clubs, Sheffield United, Rotherham United and Doncaster, for debts of £154,000 owed for the provision of police at dog shows.

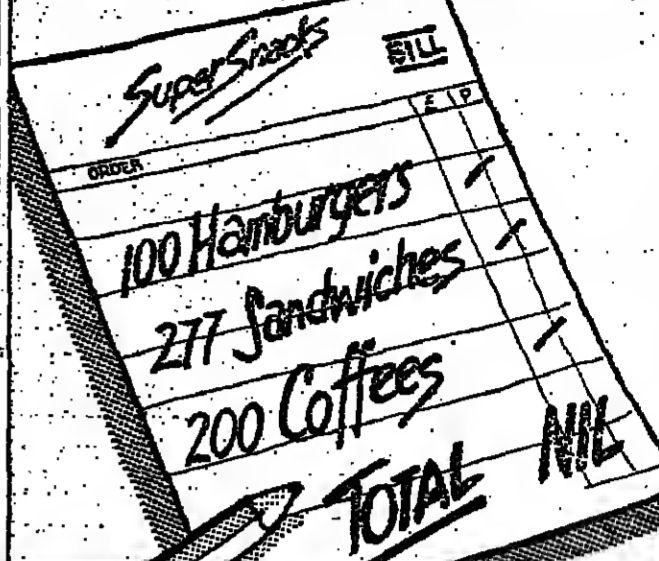
Sheffield United, the largest debtor, is taking the council to the High Court later in the year to establish whether clubs are legally responsible for policing costs.

RECTOR BEATEN BY BURGLAR

A rector was smashed over the head with an iron bar and locked in a cupboard when he found a burglar raiding his home yesterday.

The Rev. Clive Cooper was confronted by a man in the rectory at Woodmansterne Road, Banstead, Surrey, when he returned home. The raider escaped after the attack, which left the rector with a suspected fractured skull.

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Freedom for taunted man who killed wife

A 36-YEAR-OLD father of two who strangled his spendthrift wife after she taunted him about her young lover walked free from Shrewsbury Crown Court yesterday.

ANOTHER RAPE IN OXFORD

A WOMAN was raped at knife-point in Oxford yesterday in the area where a hooded sex attacker has already struck three times this year.

It happened at 5.55 a.m. as the woman—a 35-year-old spinster walked to her car on her way to work.

The attacker followed her along Cowley Road before pointing in Union Street as she went to unlock her car.

He dragged her into a garage, forced her to the ground, and assaulted her before escaping.

The rapist was not hooded, but was armed with a knife. Thames Valley police have not ruled out a link with the hooded sex attacker, who is believed to have been involved in up to 32 other incidents in the eastern part of the city.

Detectives from a Special Rape Squad at the city's Central Police Station have now joined the investigation. They fear that the Oxford attacker could be imitating the Cambridge Rapist, who terrorised that city for nine months in 1975.

The latest Oxford victim described her attacker as white, aged about 32, with dark brown wavy hair. He was wearing a dark bomber jacket and blue corduroy trousers.

APOLOGY OVER SHUT STATION

By Our Transport Correspondent

British Rail apologised yesterday to passengers who went to Cannon Street station, the main Southern Region terminal in the City, on Friday but found it locked up towards the end of rush-hour.

"We were short of train crews due to sickness," said a spokesman. "We no longer have large numbers of men on standby, so the last trains had to be cancelled."

Cancelled trains

Southern Region cancelled 217 peak-hour commuter trains out of 4,710 booked to run last week. Eastern Region cancelled 106 out of 2,204; London Midland cancelled six out of 657; and cancelled six out of 657 peak-hour trains on Western Region (three out of 500).

SWAN'S WAY

A swan hit an overhead power line yesterday, fell and knocked the windscreen of a passing car near Hurn airport, Bournemouth. The swan survived and the cyclist and the motorist were not hurt.

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MONDALE GRABS LIMELIGHT IN TV DEBATE

By DAVID SHEARS in Louisville, Kentucky

MR WALTER MONDALE brought sparkle to the American election campaign and put himself firmly back in the race by turning in a remarkably adroit performance in his first television debate with President Reagan.

Less than a month before polling day, the Democratic underdog seemed confident and relaxed before the cameras. Mr Reagan often looked nervous and sounded halting.

History suggests that such factors count for more in American campaign debates than political arguments.

And many watchers—including some White House officials—agreed that Mr Mondale emerged as the winner on points.

"I think Reagan just blanked out," one young Louisville woman said to me as we left the hall after watching the debate at first hand.

A quick ABC Television survey found that 39 per cent of viewers thought Mr Mondale had won the debate, compared to 38 per cent who viewed Mr Reagan as the winner. A Newsweek magazine poll voted Mr Mondale the winner by a much wider margin.

Democrats were jubilant. Mr Johnson, Mr Mondale's campaign manager, said of his candidate: "The bottom line is that he went on stage, he took on the sitting president of the United States—and took charge."

Mr Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman, bravely proclaimed: "We felt the President was clearly in command of the facts. He went in on top and he came out the champ."

Veteran White House correspondents treated these official claims of victory by the Reagan camp with scepticism.

Perhaps a win on points was not enough to give Mr Mondale much chance of defeating Mr Reagan on Nov. 6; he needed to lure the 73-year-old President to making a real blunder, like President Ford's famous gaffe in his 1976 debate with Mr Carter in denying that Russia dominated Eastern Europe.

Mr Reagan fumbled a few answers but he overcame them. Nevertheless the debate injected new vigour and sparked

President concedes a little

By Our Staff Correspondent in Charlotte, North Carolina

PRESIDENT REAGAN, returning to the campaign hustings yesterday, acknowledged indirectly that he might have lost his televised debate on Sunday night with Mr Mondale, his Democratic rival.

"Last night we had a little sparring in the political arena," he said amid laughter at an open-air political rally.

"Whether I win or not, I know now that I have won the fruits of victory because I got to be with all of you," he told his enthusiastic audience.

Mr Larry Speakes, his official spokesman, told reporters on the presidential plane that the President was "in great shape."

"Mondale had to do something big to come out ahead," Mr Speakes said.

"He didn't. The major issues are right where they were before. We're running 20 points ahead." But Mr Speakes conceded that the lead always narrowed closer to polling day.

In his Charlotte speech, obviously written before the television debate, Mr Reagan urged his backers not to take a Republican victory for granted. Yet he exuded confidence as he spoke of a "sea change" in American politics that had set him with his victory in 1980.



Vincenzo Diano, 10, who was kidnapped two months ago, reunited with his father, Signor Cesare Diano, a wealthy builder, and (right) his uncle in Reggio Calabria, southern Italy, after the Pope had prayed for the boy's release. The kidnappers had left Vincenzo on a motorway slip-road.

Advantage Reagan as Israel asks for £604m

By JOHN BULLOCH Diplomatic Staff

MR PERES, Israeli Prime Minister, holds crucial talks in Washington with President Reagan today, when he will ask for at least an extra \$750 million (£604 million) in American aid.

The United States currently provides Israel with \$2.7 billion (£2.1 billion) a year, largely for defence equipment.

With inflation running at more than 400 per cent and rising, it is the Israeli economy which will dominate Mr Peres' talks in America.

By visiting Washington just before the American Presidential elections, Israeli politicians had hoped to be able to bring maximum pressure.

But according to Israeli officials, that hope has been abandoned. "President Reagan seems so certain of being re-elected that he can afford to ignore the Jewish lobby," one said.

So far the Ministers have spent more time arguing over chairmanships of committees and membership of an inner Cabinet than in laying down policy.

\$1 bn cuts

The Government has announced budget cuts of \$1 billion (£806 million) but they will not come into effect until next year. And experienced Israelis point out that other Governments have promised cuts and failed to make them.

The only direct action taken has been to forbid the import of some 50 luxury items. Experts in Israel said that would save \$200 million (£161 million) in foreign currency, cost the same amount in lost Government revenues and increase unemployment by 30 per cent.

The Liberal party which, with the Herut of the former Prime Minister Menachem Begin makes up the Likud coalition, has threatened to leave the grand alliance Government, which has 90 of the 120 Knesset seats. On the Left, Mapam has quit the Labour alignment.

These manoeuvres are seen in Israel as preparation for a new struggle for leadership of the various factions.

With inflation likely to go above 1,000 per cent within months, experts say there is a danger that the whole system of index-linking on which Israel's depend might break down. When that happens, new elections will be the only option left, apart from an authoritarian takeover.

As the price of bailing Israel out of its financial troubles, America is likely to demand a commitment to an early poll-out from Lebanon, and to talks based on the Reagan plan about the future of the West Bank.

Both these items will upset the Likud component of the Government and might bring about its fall. In the circumstances, no matter what Mr Peres takes back with him from Washington, the Israeli crisis seems likely to continue.

NEW TAX ON CARS

Overcharging campaign

OUR JERUSALEM CORRESPONDENT writes: The Cabinet economic committee yesterday decided to impose new taxes on cars and on industrial stocks, in an attempt to cut spending on luxury items.

In Tel Aviv, price inspectors swooped on supermarkets and department stores from a campaign against merchants accused of fuelling inflation by overcharging.

BELOFF 'FAILED TO REGISTER'

By Our Belgrade Correspondent Nora Beloff, 65, retired chief political correspondent of the Observer newspaper, was expelled from Yugoslavia as she had failed to register with police, it was claimed by Belgrade officials yesterday.

Earlier newspaper reports had said that expulsion followed the writer's refusal to admit contact with "anti-State elements." The British Embassy in Belgrade is still awaiting an official explanation.

Embassy solution 'depends on East Berlin'

By MICHAEL FARR in Bonn

THE fate of up to 140 East Germans seeking asylum in the West German Embassy in Prague was shrouded in uncertainty yesterday as delicate negotiations between Bonn and East Berlin to solve the problem continued.

In Bonn, Herr Jürgen Sudhoff, deputy Government spokesman, said the goal of the talks was to reach "a human solution," but the outcome would depend on East Berlin.

So far East Germany has refused to promise the refugees exit visas to the West, though it is offering them freedom from arrest and prosecution if they return home.

In Prague, the Czechoslovak authorities relaxed the conspicuous police presence around the embassy evident at the weekend, but kept an eye on the back of the large baroque building where the latest groups of East Germans clambered over railings to gain access after its closure on Thursday.

Herr Sudhoff said the Czechoslovak police presence was "certainly not our wish" and was a measure the authorities had decided on to ensure law and order.

20 children

Czechoslovak tourists returning from East Germany yesterday meanwhile reported that many East Germans were being stopped at the border from leaving for Czechoslovakia, the only country they are able to travel to without a visa.

Herr Sudhoff said members of the embassy staff and their relatives were doing what they could to make life bearable for the refugees cooped up in the building, more than 20 of them believed to be children.

The refugees were receiving adequate supplies, warm meals and medical attention.

The Embassy would have to remain closed to visitors as long as its capacity was exceeded, but the future of independent church schools and the teachers' strike which together have paralysed the education system.

Ironie twist

In East Berlin, the Embassy occupation is thought to have featured in talks yesterday between Herr Honecker, East German leader, and Mr Grömyko, Soviet Foreign Minister, who led Moscow's 55th anniversary celebrations at the weekend.

In an ironic twist to the drama in Prague, Mr Grömyko yesterday presented Herr Willi Stoph, the East German Prime Minister, with the Order of Lenin "for being a resolute Communist and friend of the Soviet Union."

Herr Stoph's niece, Frau Ingrid Berg, was among 35 East Germans to seek asylum successfully in the West German Embassy in Prague in February, setting an example for the latest refugee influx.

LIMA BOMBINGS

Left-wing Peruvian guerrillas bombed a hotel, offices and a bank but caused no injuries in their first raids in central Lima after a week-long lull, police said yesterday.—Reuter.

MINTOFF SNUBS DEBATE

By CHARLES LAURENCE in Valletta

MALTA'S Parliament reconvened for the winter session last night amid bitter recriminations over the Labour government's refusal to debate a motion of no confidence tabled by the Opposition.

Nationalist party MP threatened to review the boycott of the House of Representatives, maintained for 16 months after the last elections which they lost despite commanding 51 per cent of the vote.

They tabled the motion over the handling by Mr Mintoff's government of the dispute on the future of independent church schools and the teachers' strike which together have paralysed the education system.

The government rejected it on the basis that as they would have won a vote in the Chamber, there was no point in hearing the argument.

Schools closed

All 72 church schools remained closed yesterday with fewer than six per cent of their pupils obeying government orders to register at all alternative church schools.

The Archbishop of Malta, Mr Joseph Marcieca, ordered 15 schools to shut in protest at the government's enforced closure of eight of them in the first phase of a programme to abolish all private education.

State school-teachers are continuing their strike over pay and conditions. A general strike to support them has been called for tomorrow by the independent trade unions in Malta.

PIPELINES DAMAGED

Guerrillas set off three bombs in Colombia yesterday slightly damaging oil pipelines, the National Security Ministry said.—Reuter.



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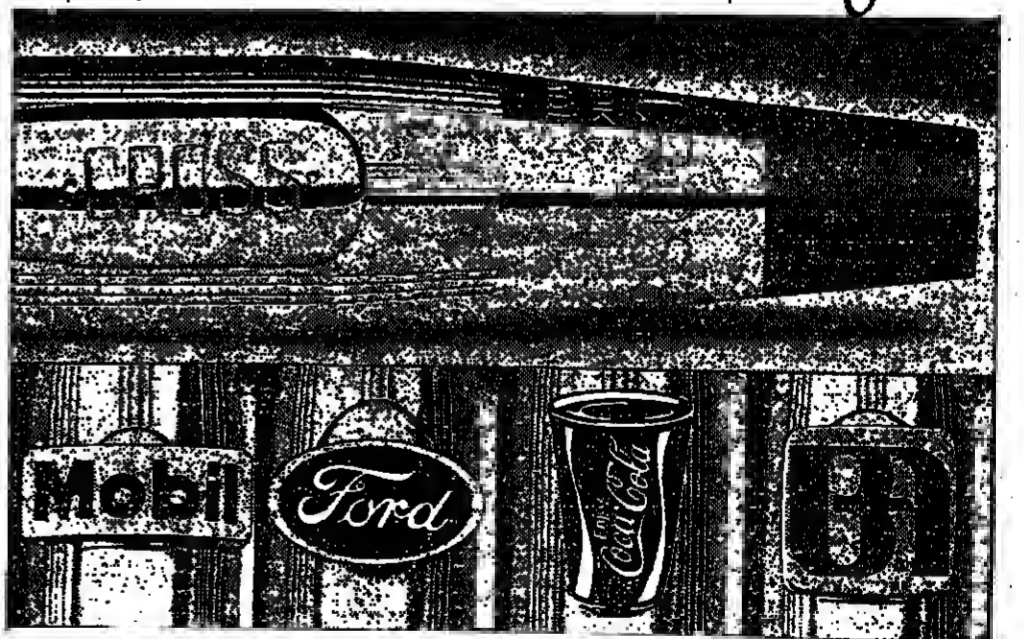
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HAWKE AIMS FOR DECEMBER LANDSLIDE

By DENIS FARNER in Melbourne

AUSTRALIA is to hold General Elections on Dec. 1. Mr Bob Hawke, the Labour Prime Minister, told Parliament in Canberra yesterday ending weeks of speculation.

The Government has served only slightly more than half of its usual three-year term, and in Opposition Mr Hawke was bitterly critical of the former Liberal Prime Minister, Mr Fraser, for calling an unnecessarily early election last year.

The country will now go to the polls twice in 20 months.

Despite revelations about organised crime and charges by the Opposition that the government lacks the will to do anything about it, Mr Hawke seems set at this stage for a landslide victory.

The technical reasons advanced by Mr Hawke last night were that the elections for the House of Representatives and half of the Senate would bring the House and Senate elections into line and therefore save the country unnecessary expense.

Holding an early election, he said, conformed entirely with established customs and procedures.

He had made it known that he had intended, if possible, to align elections for the two Houses of Parliament. Now it was possible, highly desirable and certainly in the best interests of Australia.

The political factors are different, but no less compelling. The popularity of Mr Hawke, Opposition leader, has slumped dramatically to its lowest point ever, with only 14 per cent of people polled recently by the Age newspaper in Melbourne, persuaded that he is doing his job well.

Good fortune

Mr Hawke still shows up as the most popular Prime Minister since the polls were first conducted.

Good fortune has been with his government since it took office. A catastrophic drought broke with a weather pattern never before experienced in Australia, and the United States economy picked up taking the Australian economy with it.

Economic growth soared unexpectedly. Incomes, and therefore tax proceeds, also rose dramatically to overcome the Government's deficit problems.

The economic forecasts for next year are much less favourable and Mr Hawke would have been singularly lacking in political expedience if he had



Mr Robert Hawke: popular Prime Minister.

postponed the election until late next year or until April 1986.

Looking tired, Mr Hawke appeared on television last night to face the question that the Opposition had considered asking him but did not put in Parliament. If the question were to arise as to where his daughter got the money to finance her heroin addiction what will he do?

Police questions

Mr Hawke replied: "I've said if the police want to ask questions that is for the police." Asked whether he expected that his personal problems would be brought up in the elections he replied that they probably would.

If the polls are correct, however, Mr Hawke has suffered no political damage from the heroin revelations or his own breakdown at a Press conference.

The electoral boundaries have been redrawn since the last elections. On the assumption that the electorate might vote as it did last year Labour would win 89 seats in the House of Representatives to the Opposition's 59.

The Opposition would need a swing of 3.2 per cent to regain office, at this time an apparently hopeless prospect. There are, nevertheless, a number of imponderables, including organised crime.

The five-week campaign is expected to start when the election writ is issued on Oct. 26.

Peking paves way to free Mao's widow

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

THE Chinese leadership may be preparing the way for the eventual release from jail of Chiang Ching, Mao Tse-tung's widow, serving a life sentence for treason and murder.

Madame Mao, 72, has petitioned the government for mercy, asking to be allowed to see out her days in the relative comfort of Zhongnanhai, the plush crimson-walled retreat near the Forbidden City, where Zhou En-lai's widow lives.

No official reaction has been forthcoming. However, an anonymous senior official of the Justice Ministry has hinted for the first time that her freedom may be considered.

'Gang of Four'

All the official would say was that she and her comrades were "in the same Peking common jail," indicating that former politburo member Wang Hongwen, 47, had been moved from a labour camp in Shansi, where he had been serving a life sentence.

Of the others, Chang Chun-mao, 66, once party leader in Shanghai, is said to be dying from throat cancer, and Yao Wen-yuan, 52, a one-time central committee member, is reportedly the prison librarian. Chang was jailed for life. Yao was given 20 years.

Apart from her trial in 1981, when she was sentenced to death but later reprieved, she has been behind bars since her arrest in October 1976, a month after the death of her husband.

Moslem guerrillas put pressure on Kabul

By JAMES MACMANUS in New Delhi

MOSLEM guerrillas fighting the Soviet-backed régime in Afghanistan have changed tactics in recent weeks to bring the capital, Kabul, to the centre of the five-year-old conflict.

Independent observers recently arrived from Afghanistan say Kabul is the scene of almost nightly rocket attacks by guerrillas.

Rockets are falling on the large villas of wealthy merchants and apparatchiks of the ruling People's Democratic party.

On Sept. 13 a rocket fell into Chicken Street, the main shopping area, damaging several shops and killing two people. This added to the growing sense of panic among the merchant class, the majority of whom have survived the insurgency in some comfort.

In residential areas for diplomats, the house of a United Nations official and an Iranian diplomat have both been hit as the insurgents fire almost at random into the capital.

Deadly missiles

Not only are the attacks more frequent but the missiles have become more deadly. The Chinese 107mm rockets, one of which struck the American embassy without causing casual-

ties in June, appear to have been supplanted by more modern incendiary missiles which send out a fiery spray of shrapnel upon detonation.

Since the partially successful Soviet attack in late spring against the rebel strongholds in the Panjshir Valley north east of the capital, the various Mujahideen groups have decided to counter by "squeezing" Kabul and to make life as uncomfortable as possible for both the Russians and the wealthy middle class Afghans.

Morale cracking

The nightly shelling and the lack of electricity in a city whose residents receive power for two hours every five days appears to be cracking the morale of this important section of the populace.

House prices are slumping as the rich sell their homes on a falling market and opt for the risky 10-day march to the Pakistani border.

As the sources observed: The middle classes in Kabul are beginning to realise that the Russians are there to stay. That means more rocket attacks so they are beginning to pack up and go."



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Ten want to speed-up end of trade barriers

By ALAN OSBORN Common Market Correspondent in Strasbourg

A DRIVE to speed up formation of a single internal commercial market between the 10 EEC countries is to be made by Common Market trade ministers in Luxembourg today.

FISH CATCH COVER-UP DENIED

By JOAN CLEMENTS in The Hague

A SENIOR Dutch official has denied that his Government turns a "blind eye" to fishermen cheating on Common Market catch limits.

But Mr Ton Freling, head of the Sea and Coastal Fisheries Division at the Agriculture Ministry in The Hague, admitted that Dutch fishery inspectors "suspect" fishermen "did not always comply with EEC catch regulations."

An EEC investigation has revealed a clandestine system of double book-keeping for fish catches in the Netherlands.

Brussels officials feel the system, partly administered by Dutch Government officials, is used to cover up widespread over-fishing by Dutch trawlers in the North Sea and Atlantic.

Severe checks

Mr Freling last night categorically denied that Dutch fishery inspectors were aware of a system which excludes part of a day's landing from official records.

He also denied that there was "a gentlemen's agreement" under which Dutch skippers would not be prosecuted more than once a year for under-declaring catches.

Mr Freling went on to say that to avoid cheating by Dutch fishermen on catch limits, the Ministry introduced more severe checks last June.

The director of one of the nation's largest fishery companies said last night: "Our books can be inspected at any time."

CHINA TO END KEY SUBSIDIES

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

Higher prices are on the way in China as the Government plans sweeping reforms to invigorate the economy.

A quarter of Government spending goes on price subsidies for basics such as food, housing and transport, and these will be replaced by flexible prices to be introduced in city urban markets.

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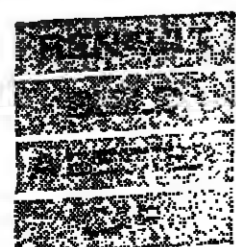
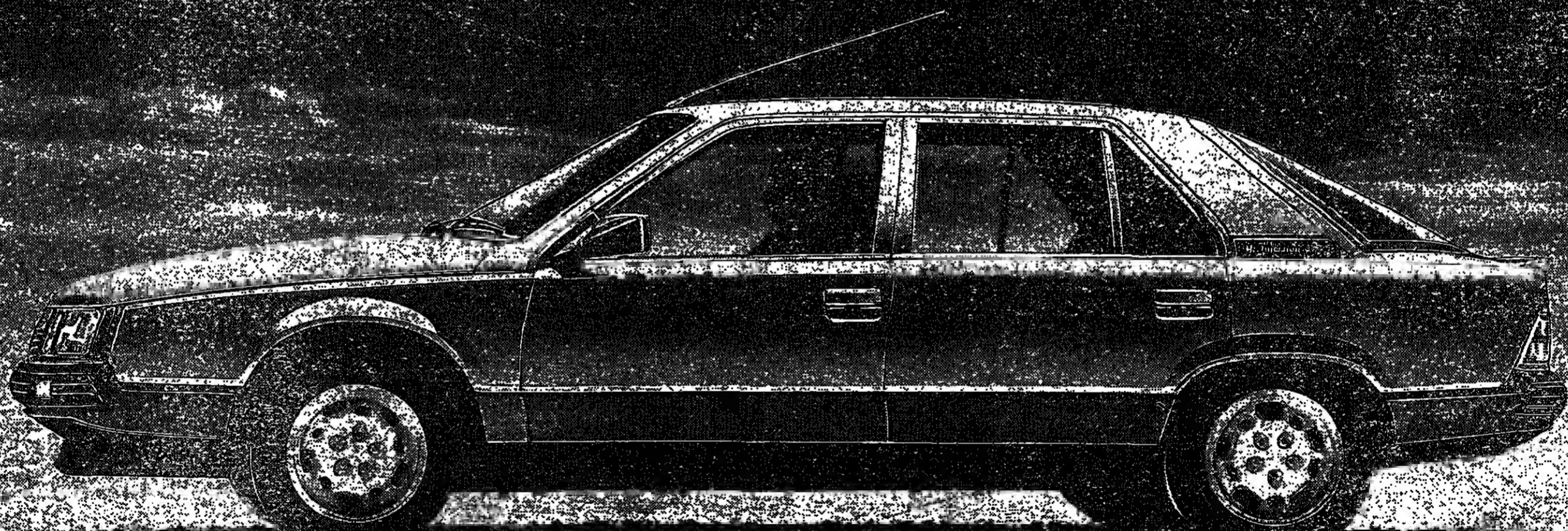
By Our Rome Correspondent

A Sardinian cattle breeder, Segus Ernesto Pisano, 57, kidnapped on June 2, was released yesterday after a ransom of 300 million lire (£150,000) was paid.

DENMARK VISIT

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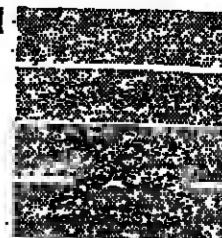
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SPIEGEL v. NOW! MAGAZINE

AUGSTEIN v. GOLDSMITH

Plaintiffs

Spiegel Verlag Rudolf Augstein

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Defendants

Sir James Goldsmith

& Cavenham Communications Limited

Anthony Shrimley

In the High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench Division, on 8 October 1984, the following agreed statement was read out:

Mr. John Wilmer QC - Counsel for the Plaintiffs

My Lord, I with my Learned friends Mr Charles Gray and Mr Andrew Monson represent the Plaintiffs who are the owners and publisher of the West German weekly magazine *Der Spiegel*. My Learned friends Lord Rawlinson, Mr Andrew Bateson, Mr James Price and Mr Mark Warby represent the Defendants Sir James Goldsmith, Cavenham Communications Limited and Mr Anthony Shrimley.

On the 21st day of January, 1981, Sir James Goldsmith delivered a speech to the Media Committee of the Conservative Party in the House of Commons which was subsequently published, *inter alia*, in *Now!* magazine, edited by Anthony Shrimley.

This speech dealt with Soviet propaganda and the systematic manipulation of the Western media by certain organs of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. Sir James went on to describe the three major organisations used for this purpose and which report to the Politburo in Moscow: the International Department headed by Boris Ponomarev; the International Information Department headed by Leonid Zamiatin and the KGB controlled Soviet propaganda organisation called Service A which is part of the KGB's First Chief Directorate. Service A plans, coordinates and supports secret operations which are designed to back up overt Soviet propaganda.

As an example, Sir James made reference to information provided by General Jan Sejna, a former high official of the Czechoslovak government, and former Secretary of the Czechoslovak ruling party's Defence Committee, who defected in 1968. Sir James stated "General Sejna, the high-ranking Czech intelligence defector, admitted that the campaign by the German news magazine *Der Spiegel* to discredit Franz Josef Strauss was orchestrated by the KGB".

It is to this reference that the Plaintiffs have taken exception in that they felt that it implied that the magazine was under the control of the KGB, knowingly employ journalists who are Communist intelligence agents and in fact are a KGB front organisation. My clients were concerned to refute and deny any such suggestions and to ensure that their journalistic and editorial independence is not in question.

Lord Rawlinson QC - Counsel for the Defendants

Sir James' position is that in pursuance of their policies, the Soviets conduct massive and continuous propaganda campaigns both overt and covert - the

former through overtly controlled Communist media throughout the world, the latter consisting of the dissemination and planting of stories, many of which are based on forgeries and deliberate falsehoods known as "disinformation".

The ultimate object of the campaigns is the undermining of free Western societies and political systems. In particular they aim to promote ideas, individuals and governments helpful to Soviet strategy and conversely to discredit those hostile to the interests of Communism.

In pursuance of their aims the Soviets make use of unwitting Western media. In addition to the overtly controlled Communist press - the value of which is limited since the sources are publicly known - there is a major and continuous effort to plant propaganda covertly through well placed agents of influence who themselves may be either conscious or unconscious of the role that they are playing. The media thus used are not intended to realise that they are participating in KGB orchestrated campaigns.

It is Sir James' position that in pursuance of these policies, the Soviets made a conscious decision to seek to discredit the West German politician Dr. Franz Josef Strauss and mounted a campaign of defamation, disinformation and provocation against him. Franz Josef Strauss was Minister of Defence in Chancellor Adenauer's government when he made a speech in the Bundestag calling for the deployment on German soil of U.S. controlled nuclear weapons so as to counterbalance the growing Soviet threat. It is Sir James' position that against that background the Soviets decided to make use in that campaign of the fact that *Der Spiegel* was well known as opposing Dr. Strauss' political views and regularly published articles expressing that opposition.

In support of his case Sir James had arranged to call witnesses from this country, the USA and West Germany who would have testified as to Soviet policy in general and to the special role and organisational structure of Soviet covert propaganda. In addition Sir James would have called high level Soviet and Soviet bloc defectors, who in their former capacity as officers of the KGB or satellite intelligence services, had themselves been involved in disinformation and penetration of Western media including the recruitment of Western agents of influence, among them journalists. They would have given evidence of a number of instances of Soviet "active measures".

More specifically certain of these high level officials (who have since defected to the West) would have given evidence of meetings at which plans were approved to seek to discredit Dr. Strauss and to use *Der Spiegel* in the manner I have indicated.

Such witnesses would have testified to the fact that the vast majority of the Western media which are used do not know that they are being so used and further that an important part of the planning of such operations is to ensure that the publications remain unaware of the source of the material which is supplied to them and that most of the individuals concerned do not know that they are ultimately serving Soviet purposes.

Finally, Sir James would have called General Sejna who has sworn an affidavit confirming that he made the statements quoted by Sir James and to which the Plaintiffs have objected.

It was and remains Sir James' position that many Western publications were and are unwittingly used by the Soviets in their campaigns conducted by the KGB and other Soviet organisations. So in Sir James' view, *Der Spiegel*, in common with other Western publications, can themselves fairly be described as victims of KGB propaganda techniques.

I am happy to state publicly on behalf of all the Defendants, as was indicated before these proceedings began, that it was never intended by Sir James to imply that the Plaintiffs or their paper were controlled by or cooperated with Soviet Intelligence or knowingly employed any journalist who was a KGB agent.

Mr. John Wilmer QC - Counsel for the Plaintiffs

My Lord, in the result my clients now take the view that it is unnecessary for them to proceed any further with this action. They have of course not seen any of the Defendants' evidence, but they fully accept that broadly speaking Soviet Intelligence seeks to operate in the way stated by my Learned friend, although they themselves are not conscious of having been used in the manner mentioned by Sir James Goldsmith. My clients are conscious of the dangers to press freedom posed by Soviet covert propaganda.

I am happy to say that the parties, upon the basis of this agreed statement, have agreed that the action should be withdrawn.

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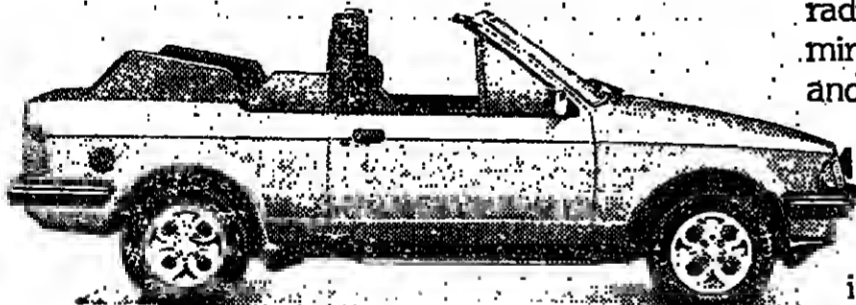
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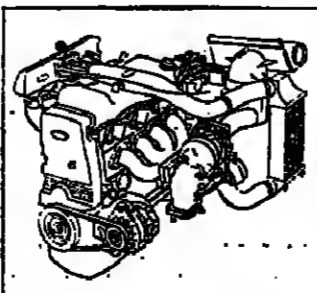


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The Orion Ghia. A modern variation on a classical theme.

The boot the others have to beat.

As you can see, the Orion is related to the Escort.

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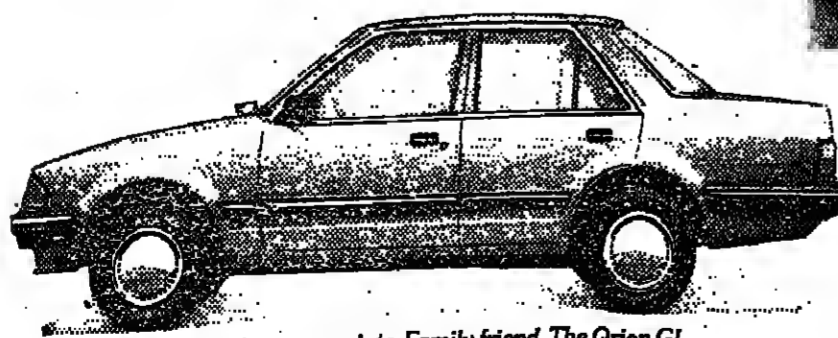


The Orion Ghia L. High performance in civilised surroundings.

And, when it comes to looks, there is a definite family resemblance.

But the Orion is, of course, a saloon, not a hatchback. So it should really be compared with other saloons in its price range. (From £5,661 to £7,521*.)

Mind you, not many other saloons can compare with the Orion.



Business associate. Family friend. The Orion GL.

In its class, it's the definitive saloon. But which Orion would you choose?

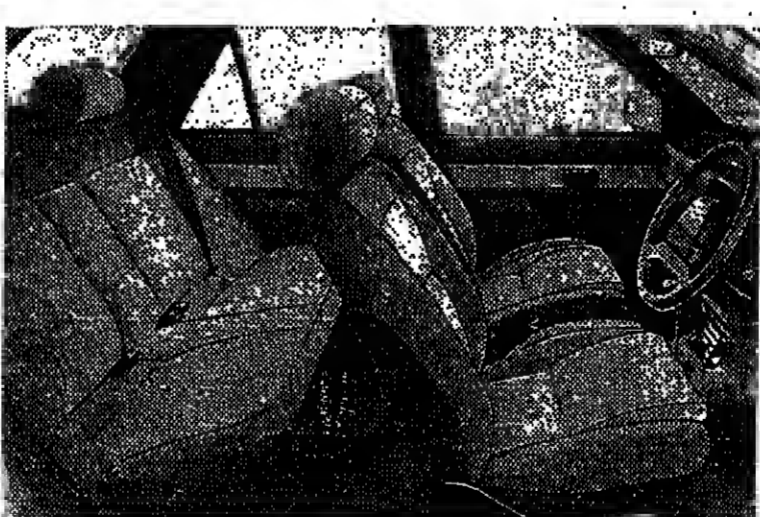
As you'd expect of Ford, there's quite a range: the Ghia, the Ghia with fuel injection, the GL, and the recently introduced L; not to

mention the 70 mpg^{††} Orion Diesel models.

The Ghia is the luxury version of the car. But in spite of its exceptionally generous specifications – even the electric windows are standard equipment – you'll be surprised how inexpensive it is.

The Ghia with fuel injection is rather more sporting. It develops considerably more power than the normal Ghia – as much as the XR3i – has firmer suspension, a deeper front spoiler and a sports steering wheel.

But, sporting though it is, this is still a very quiet, comfortable and well equipped machine. And its appearance, while suitably businesslike, is nicely understated.



More space than you expect. Car shown is a Ghia, with optional rear seat belts and automatic transmission. Hatches in back seat give access to the boot.

So you can enjoy the Injection's performance in civilised surroundings.

The GL is another thoroughly civilized saloon. Just the job for business trips, but equally enjoyable on family jaunts.

And if you're worried about luggage space, don't be. The Orion has the biggest boot in its class. And if that's not big enough for you, there are two folding hatches in the back seat to push long loads through.

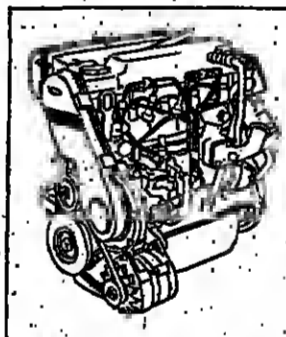
Then there's the L. Although it's the least expensive Orion, it's remarkably well equipped.

The radio/cassette for instance has four speakers, not two, and the head-restraints are fully adjustable.

The 5-speed gearbox is standard on the 1600 and optional on the 1300.

The model illustrated here has Ford's refined diesel engine. It will amaze you. It packs bags of punch, it's much quicker than you expect, much quieter, and does over 70 mpg^{††}. It also has a 5-speed gearbox.

No wonder diesels are becoming so popular – Ford diesels that is!



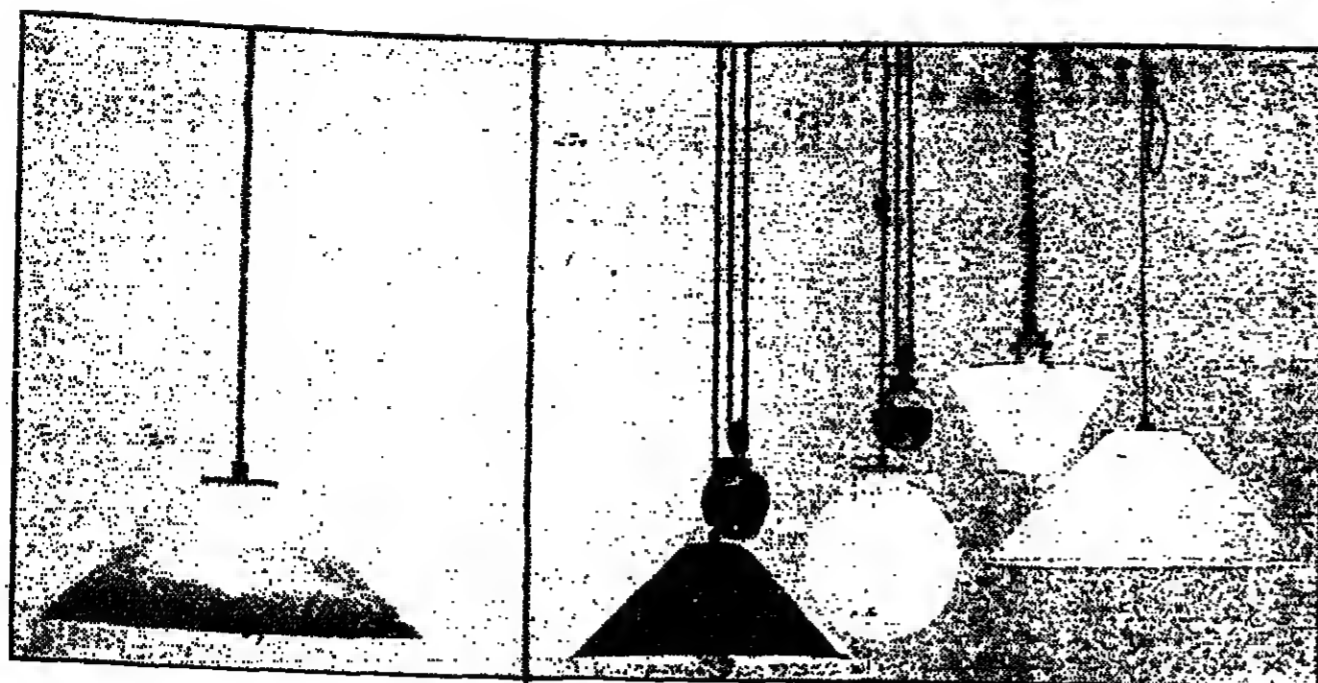
Quick, quiet and clean. Ford's 1.6 diesel saloons have top speeds in the nineties and fuel economy in the seventies.



The Orion L completes the family.

Now you've seen the choice, why not come and take your pick. If our hatch doesn't come up to scratch, you can try our boot for size.

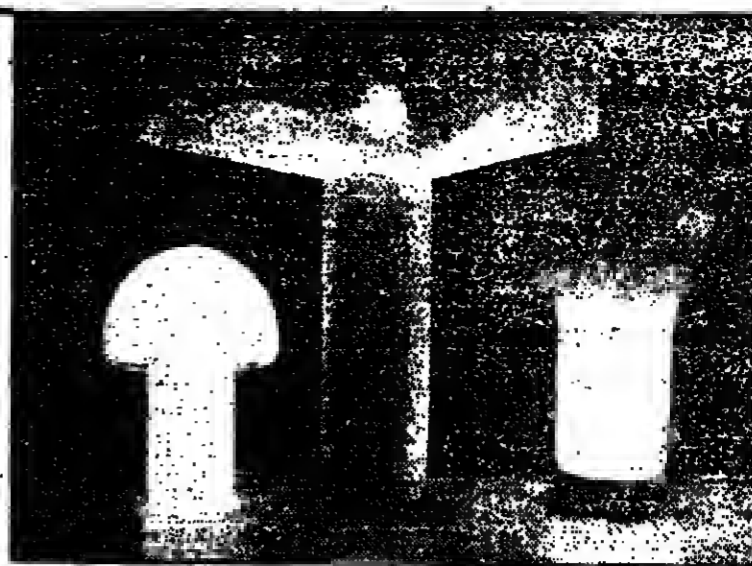
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Pictures by ANTHONY MARSHALL

LEFT: Selection of pendant lights, from £39 to £80.75, shades extra, from the Artemide showroom-shop.

RIGHT: Three dramatic table lamps also from the Artemide showroom-shop. From left: mushroom-shaped glass lamp by Luciano Vietosi £86.95; white petal-topped lamp designed by Mario Bellini £95.25 plus £9.20 for the shade; Saffo by Angelo Mangiarotti £149.05.



BY ELIZABETH WILLIAMSON

Starting to shine in lighting...

THE growth of specialist lighting shops and the wide variety of lighting equipment available underlines the fact that we are at last beginning to appreciate that lighting a room can be as important as furnishing it.

This fact has long been appreciated by light-conscious countries such as Italy where function is reckoned to be every bit as important as form and their lighting designers are frequently engineers as well.

But now there are signs that British designers are hard on the heels of the great names in Italian lighting, such as Artemide, O'Luca, Flos and the rest. OMK Design, Shio Kay Kan and Tag are three of our growing number of innovative designers. And the Crafts Council can provide names of designer craftsmen who have seen the gap in the market.

People who live with

antiques and traditionally shaped modern furniture are naturally cautious of picking fittings with a sculptural, angular modern shape. Unless it can be made quasi-traditional by virtue of its material (brass scores heavily here), contemporary shapes are not thought appropriate.

The antique lighting equipment of the past is reproduced in profusion today and there is scarcely a Georgian or Victorian light that has not been faithfully copied by someone somewhere.

But there is no rival for the real thing, cleaned and re-wired, and there is a list of specialist converters and retailers given below.

Unusual ideas in modern lighting are not to be found in the conventional places. The Lighting Workshop (35-36 Floral Street, London WC2) carries a good selection of the work of young British designers.

Recently, the interest in

decorative painted finishes such as marbling, stippling and dragging, has inspired a classical revival in lamps and shades with antique finishes.

There is an excellent selection at Saunderson's revamped lighting department at 52 Berners Street, London W1, where nine shapes of vase team with five styles of lampshades. They are hand-made in England and offer varying effects including crackle glaze, cloud effects and spatters, which can be ordered to the customer's specifications.

A classic ginger jar shape costs £28.50. Shouldered Chinese jars, spiral vases, ostrich egg-shaped urns, octagonal columns and jars vary in price. These bases are available in blue-grey, rose beige, lilac grey, cream or pale green (six to eight weeks for special orders).

Further classic revivals are offered by Christopher Lawrence, 281 Lillie Road, London SW6. The shop sells an ostrich egg on a

ceramic pedestal lamp base and a classical column lamp base in wood which can be ordered in a variety of decorative finishes including marbling. The silk shades, tight covered, box, knife-pleated or gathered, are available in 130 colours in the Ciel range.

I hope that more lighting specialists on the lines of John Cullen Lighting Design will establish themselves over the next few years. The firm creates lighting systems for both private and contract customers. The illuminating showroom at Woodfall Court, Smith Street, London SW3 demonstrates the effects of lighting equipment and possible combinations.

Although designs by the Italian lighting company Artemide, who market such luminaires of lighting design as Mario Bellini, Vico Magistretti, Ettore Sottsass and Richard Sapper, have been available in this country for thirteen years,

the presence of its beautiful showroom in London's Covent Garden has alerted more of the general public to the best of Italian lighting design.

Artemide was founded by Ernesto Gismondi, one of those multi-talented designers who has degrees in aeronautical engineering, teaches at the Milan Polytechnic and worked as a missile expert for NATO.

He founded his lighting company in 1959 in Milan and also specialised in furniture design, developing moulding technology and extruded plastic. The showroom is at 17-19 Neal Street, London WC2.

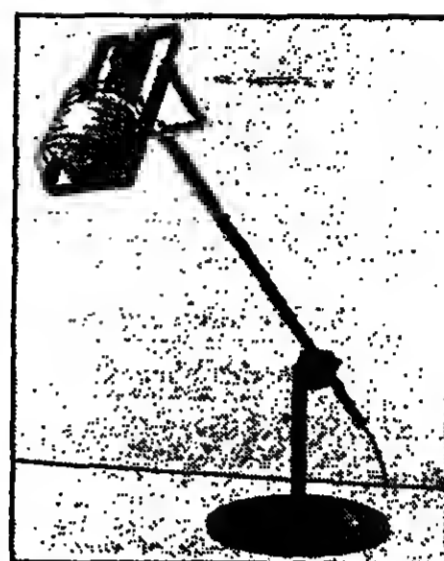
Old lighting fittings are available from the following specialist suppliers: Jones, 194 Westbourne Grove, London W11 has lighting from 1850-1950. The London Architectural Salvage and Supply Co., Mark Street, London EC2, has a vast supply of original lighting fittings.

Peter Metcalf, 2 Parsifal Road, Hampstead, London NW6 stocks mostly 19th-century lamps or earlier, fully restored and converted, and chandeliers with electrified candles, too.

Yardstick Designs, 51 Kinnerton Street, London SW1, converts, repairs and sells antique lamps. R. Wilkinson & Son, 43-45 Walsdale Road, Forest Hill, London SE23, specialises in the restoration and upkeep of chandeliers.

FAR LEFT: Blue mesh table lamp, also in white, yellow or red, by Lighting Sublime, £22.25 at D. H. Evans; mushroom-shaped lamp by Ansel £82.95, from The Lighting Workshop, 35-36 Floral Street, London WC2.

LEFT: White Danish lamp with pleated shade by Ly-kide Skarne £9.95, from all branches of the John Lewis Partnership.



LEFT: "Steel" adjustable lamp by Ernesto Gismondi £89.70, from Artemide.

BOOK REVIEW

FOOD additives have been increasingly criticised in recent years. They are not always necessary and may not be desirable additions to a healthy diet, especially in the case of sensitive adults and hyperactive children.

I have always anxiously scanned the list of ingredients on tins and packets, wondering what those mysterious "E" prefixed numbers meant in real terms.

Now I can walk around the supermarket armed with information gleaned from Maurice Haezse's new book, "E for Additives" (Thorsons, £2.95) which has been written in collaboration with Jill Marsden.

This useful book explains the E codes and gives the possible side-effects of the substances concerned. The author, Maurice Haezse, is chairman of the Academic and Parliamentary Consumer Group and the National Association for Health, which monitors food and medicine legislation.

He points out that soon, under European law, every food additive will be unambiguously behind an E number. Many are harmless substances that occur naturally, but many more are not.

Disquieting illustrations are plotted into this dictionary of food additives, illustrating typical recipes for a range of packaged foods.

Apricot pie, for example, contains among its quota of ingredients E110 Sunset Yellow,

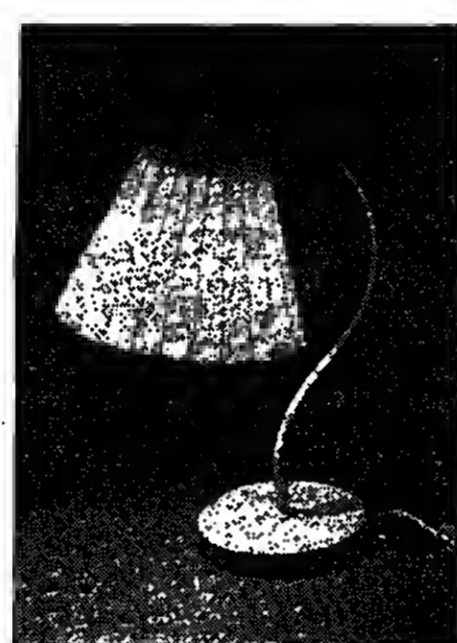
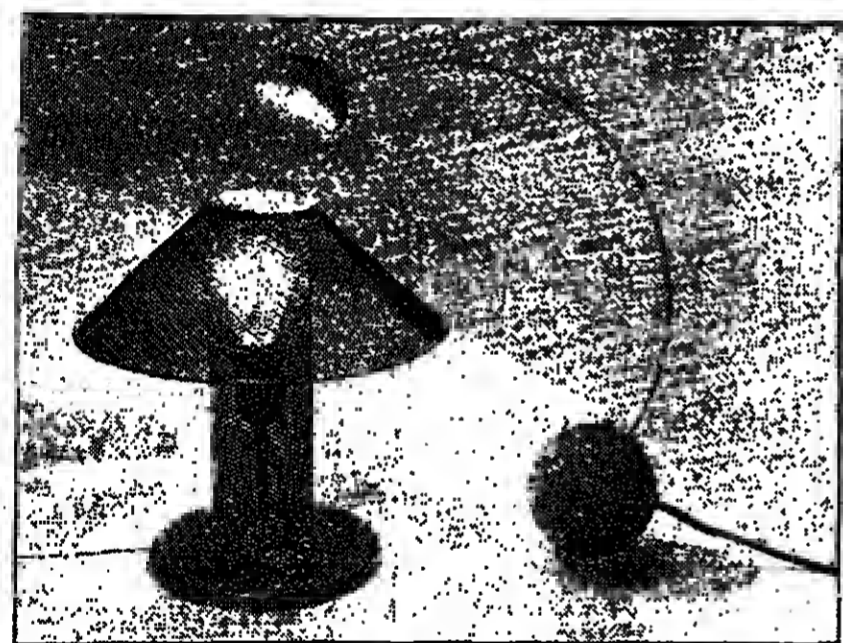
which is a synthetic coal tar dye. The possible adverse effects which accompany all the listings in the book are as follows: "An azo dye to which some people have an allergic reaction. Important risk of allergy especially in people showing aspirin sensitivity, producing urticaria (skin rash), angioedema (swelling of the blood vessels), gastric upset and vomiting."

And all so that the apricots should look pleasingly Technicolor.

The purpose of the book is not to scare consumers off all additives, but to help them decide which ones are desirable. The preservation of meat is important but it is less important to the consumer if an additive is included simply to help the manufacturing process, to colour, enhance the flavour or to help the makers add extra water or to hide excess fat.

All foods made after 1 January, 1986, must have an E number on the individual ingredients, except for flavourings. Imprecise labelling such as "permitted colouring" will no longer be allowed; which is good news except for the fact that there are no regulations covering flavourings.

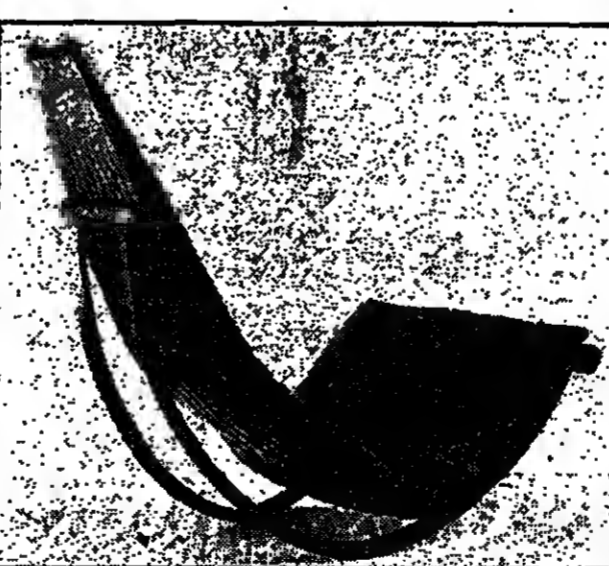
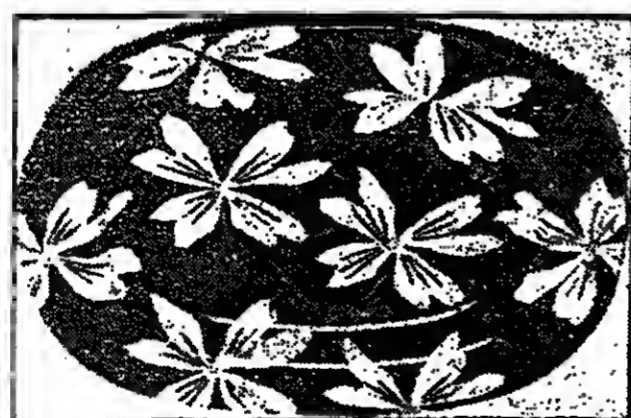
Hyperactive children are recommended to be treated by cutting out all food and drink containing synthetic colours and flavourings, and to avoid glutamates, salicylates, sweeteners, B.H.A., B.H.T. and benzoic acid, so the book will be a help for mothers trying to cope.



CHELSEA HAS CRAFTS ON A GRAND SCALE

RIGHT: Flower dish by Hinchliffe and Barber, a workshop that makes textiles and pottery at Charlton Marshall, Blandford, Dorset.

FAR RIGHT: Rocking chair by Ross Sharpley.



THE fifth Chelsea Crafts Fair (October 17-23) promises to provide its usual opportunity to buy a wide range of hand-made goods direct from the craftsmen.

The event is well patronised and supported by Sir Roy Strong, Victor Margery, retiring Director of the Crafts Council, and Sir Nevill Macready, Chairman of the Crafts Council.

There are 150 stands offering a sharp contrast in craft styles with rocking horses, futuristic furniture, ceramics, stencilling, millinery, glass, rugs and some brilliantly-made model houses.

The daily fashion shows will zip up the proceedings which also include a display of nearly 30 patchwork quilts, picked by June Freeman, who organised the Crafts Council's Gallery exhibition. The patchworks are enclosed by two wall-hangings designed for Christ Church, Spitalfields by Polly Hope.

Last year goods sold at the fair made a staggering £300,000. This year the Fair hopes to top that figure. Prices range from £2 to £20,000.

The Chelsea Crafts Fair is

held at Chelsea Old Town Hall, King's Road, London SW3 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. (except on October 17 when it closes at 5 p.m.). Admission costs £1.50, children 70p.

It should be noted that half the craftsmen are there for the whole week, the other half exhibit for the first or last four days only.

Next weekend Goodwood House, near Chichester in Sussex, will provide the classic setting for one of the more interesting house and garden exhibitions.

The British Beautiful Homes and Gardens Exhibition will take place in the state rooms and a string of marquees at Goodwood.

Room settings, games and outdoor living, gourmet food, flower arrangements, garden ornaments and a group of craftsmen at work will contribute to making it what the organisers describe as the largest show of its kind in England.

The stands of the craftsmen will include that of Brian Williams whose speciality is miniature marine models. He will be displaying a selection of his traditional sailing vessels which are bought

by collectors. Wives secretly commission as surprise gifts Mr Williams's models based on private yachts.

There will also be a large children's play area supervised by qualified staff which could usefully be copied by other exhibition organisers.

Entry to the exhibition, play area and car park costs £1.50, children free. From Friday October 12 to Sunday October 14, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, closes at 6 p.m. on Sunday.

TAKING ADVICE ON ASBESTOS

LAST week's report about a house where asbestos lagging was removed from the loft causing the potentially deadly dust to filter down through an open loft hatch, highlights the problems faced by people trying to rid their homes of asbestos.

Impartial advice is not freely available, although the Department of the Environment has tried to help with a free leaflet which is available by post from libraries and

Citizens' Advice Bureaux. Asbestos is not necessarily dangerous, although breathing the dust obviously is. The D.E. leaflet gives some useful advice. It locates where asbestos is generally found in a home or garden, what you should do about asbestos building materials and how it can safely be removed in small amounts.

It isn't, for example, wise to use a domestic vacuum cleaner to clear up, as fine asbestos dust will pass through the filter. Industrial cleaners

suitable for asbestos are available.

Copies of the leaflet, "Asbestos in Housing," can be obtained from Department of the Environment, Building 3, Victoria Road, South Ruislip, Middlesex. Your local council's Environmental Health Office can give more detailed advice on asbestos materials in the home.

If you are looking for a firm to do the job professionally, write to The Asbestos Removal Contractors Association, 45 Sheen Lane, London SW14.

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MINES AT BRIGHTON

THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY CONFERENCE, no less than the TUC and last week's events in Blackpool, will be dominated by Mr ARTHUR SCARGILL. Although the debate on the miners is scheduled to occupy little more than an hour of this afternoon's session, Scargillism and its challenge to legality and democracy will not be pigeon-holed so easily. If the Government permits the National Coal Board to accept a humiliating defeat at the hands of the NUM, it will have lost its moral legitimacy. Not one of the things which it considers to be important will be achievable. Its goal of a prosperous free-market economy would be further away than when Mrs Thatcher first took office in 1979. Its commitment to a society ruled by law would seem hollow and ridiculous.

During the next four days the Conservative party must demonstrate that it understands the nature of the threat which the Government is facing. The pit strike has long since ceased to be about anything so prosaic as definitions of what is or what is not "uneconomic". It is not even primarily concerned with the future of the coal industry. As anyone who attended the Labour party conference would know there exists in Britain today a substantial anti-Parliamentary Left which has drawn its strength, paradoxically, from Labour's election defeats. As a result of Labour's electoral impotence, the Left has determined upon an alternative strategy which seeks to use mass collective action to undermine elected government. It is the wretched misfortune of ordinary miners that they find themselves playing a role which history and Mr SCARGILL have forced upon them.

After the noisy (and nauseating) demonstrations at the Winter Gardens, what is required of the Conservative party this week is a quiet determination to resist the forces of Scargillism. Every attempt should be made to try to explain why this is an issue which should bind together all those who reject violence and insurrection as a means of pursuing political ends. The message from Brighton should be that this is a battle which no democratically elected government can afford to shirk or lose, that compromise, however attractive superficially, is not and never has been on offer from Mr SCARGILL.

This is a reality which seems to have eluded the Archbishop of Canterbury, to judge by his recent observations on the miners' strike and the state of Britain. But rather than criticise the Archbishop, Tories at Brighton may prefer to sympathise with his position. Of course they should ponder whether, as he implies, the Government seems sometimes not to care enough. But perhaps the greater problem is the Archbishop's. Though it may be objected that he was responding to a series of loaded and specific political questions, it is instructive that he chose to reply in the same idiom, more a well-intentioned man of the world than a spiritual leader.

INJUDICIOUS

BACON'S DICTUM THAT "a much-talking judge is like an ill-tuned cymbal" applies *a fortiori* to a much-talking law officer of the Crown. The role of the law officers, politicians who have both to advise their colleagues in Government on the interpretation of the law, and at the same time to practise in their professional capacity in what are usually high profile public interest legal cases, is one that demands considerable discretion. The Ministerial career of one junior Scottish law officer was terminated in the last Parliament on grounds of indiscretion; and unfortunately it cannot be said that the senior law officer, the Attorney-General, has always displayed all the caution in public comment on legal issues which his portfolio requires.

It is at least open to question whether Sir MICHAEL HAYES was entirely wise to enter into any discussion on Sunday on the BBC about the handling of Mr SCARGILL's open defiance of the judgment of the Court in the case brought against him by two of the Yorkshire members of his union. But he was careful to emphasise that future action to secure compliance was a matter for the judiciary about which he could not "offer any view." Had he persisted in such astuteness no harm would have been done. Unfortunately he did not. He went on to speculate about fines, sequestration of union assets, and ultimately imprisonment. These are self-evidently options open to the Courts, which must indeed ensure that the law is obeyed by every citizen regardless of his fan-mail. But the Courts—as Sir MICHAEL is the first to emphasise—must be, and be seen to be, above the guidance and instruction of the politicians.

ROUND ONE TO MONDALE

PRESIDENT REAGAN would perhaps have preferred to avoid Sunday's debate with Mr MONDALE altogether. But in the last two Presidential elections these debates have attained a semi-constitutional status so the President chose what seemed the less risky course. Did it turn out that way? It was, first, a civilised and well-managed debate. The questioning was polite but sharp. The two men put their different points of view clearly and courteously. But there is little doubt that it was a win on points for Mr MONDALE. He seemed more relaxed and self-assured: he handled statistics with greater ease than President REAGAN who seemed to have memorised more facts than he strictly needed; and, by conceding Mr REAGAN's strong points, like the recovery of America's self-confidence, he would have struck most viewers as a generous and good-humoured opponent.

That at least seems to be the judgment of the viewers. A NEWSWEEK poll suggests that Mr MONDALE was seen as the winner by 57 per cent. of those watching as against 35 per cent. for Mr REAGAN. Will this make a difference to the election result? Mr MONDALE's air of authority will certainly offset the so-called "wimp factor"—namely, the general belief that he was a weakling who lacked leadership qualities. Mr REAGAN certainly avoided the sort of astonishing "gaffe" which the Democrats were hoping for. Both men also managed to stress those themes which are the strong points of their campaigns. Mr MONDALE argued that the President could not be trusted with Medicare; President REAGAN reiterated that Mr MONDALE was addicted to raising taxes. So the overall impact of the debate, though slightly in Mr MONDALE's favour, may be to confirm partisan sympathies rather than to make converts. This is particularly likely since Sunday's debate took place against a background of economic prosperity, rising public optimism and national pride, and Mr REAGAN's vast popularity. But Mr MONDALE has at least made a start on narrowing that 25 per cent. lead—and there is still a month to go.

Oh, to be in England...

Looking homewards from the Continent, CHRISTOPHER TUGENDHAT finds the view much improved

"WHAT do we look like from over there?" and "how have things changed since you left for Brussels?" are questions I am constantly asked.

The most striking change over the past eight years has been the return of confidence to the British establishment. In the late 1970s when I began travelling around the EEC capitals, I was struck by how world-weary and pessimistic London seemed in comparison with Paris, Bonn and some others. This was reflected in their respective attitudes to new ideas.

While the Continentals were generally willing to strike out in new directions, London seemed always to be thinking of reasons why any new idea was bound to fail. Now I have the impression that the British face the future with more confidence than most.

The Government must receive its share of the credit. The Prime Minister's self-confidence, coupled with her clear sense of direction and her emphasis on the need to release the energies and talents of the British people, have both directed and epitomised the break with the past.

The Falklands victory has also played an important role. The way our armed forces faced and overcame the problems of the campaign inspired the nation. A people who had come to take "can't do" for granted, suddenly realised "can do" was possible.

British influence on economics abroad

The fact that Britain's economic performance, relative to that of other European countries, has recently been among the better rather than the worse represents another significant change. This is true despite continuing high unemployment as higher percentage levels in some countries or more rapid recent increases in others demonstrate. It has also been good for British influence that an economic policy which when first adopted in Britain was attacked as eccentrically Right-wing has now become the international mainstream.

Another reason for renewed confidence has been the change of generations. The leaders of British life in the late 1970s were largely men who had begun their careers in the late 1940s and lived through a period of steady national decline and narrowing horizons. No wonder they felt pessimistic by comparison with Germans, Frenchmen and others who had participated in the remarkable post-war recoveries of their countries. Now that generation has been replaced by men and women less influenced by past glories and failures and determined to make the best of the present.

The other most notable feature of British life is something that fortunately remains unchanged. It is our deep national unity and stability arising out of our being at ease with our history and with ourselves. This in turn results from not having been under a dictatorship, occupied by a victorious enemy or through a revolution in modern times. Just as a terrible experience in childhood can mark an individual for life, so the psychological scars of those experiences stay with nations for a very long time.

For many years after the war our victory seemed a mixed blessing. No one in his right mind could have wished to have lived through the horrors endured by others. Yet defeat and the total disruption experienced by Continental societies seemed to have released formidable energies that made them capable of achievements beyond our capabilities. It was often said that because we had not experienced the same shock treatment we were at a disadvantage against them.

Forty years after the war the boot is, I think, on the other foot. The effects of the shock treatment have largely worn off.

Now the stability of our society enables a British government to stand up to sectional interests and to withstand pressure to a degree that would be remarkable almost anywhere else. The firm response to Scargill's onslaught on the rule of law is one example. Another is the way the ring has been held over so many years against the men of violence in Northern Ireland.

This stability should enable Britain to confront the industrial and technological changes of the coming years and the social upheavals that will flow from them with more confidence than many other countries. By that I do not refer only or even mainly to so-called "high" and "new" technologies.

The biggest industrial challenge facing all European societies is the reduction of the myriad distortions and restraints that inhibit the efficient functioning of the economy. Under the guise of spreading the available work more widely, enhancing the position of disadvantaged groups and maintaining professional standards, the pressure to increase these distortions and inhibitions is immensely strong. The recent strike in Germany in favour of a 35-hour week is only one example of that.

These are points on the plus

side. There is one no the minus side as well.

It is the way the priceless gem of our national unity is taken for granted. The object of politics seems so often to be about defining differences to the exclusion of all common ground rather than establishing positions around which the vast majority of the nation can rally. This is reflected in the tone and manner in which our politics are conducted, which many in Britain as well as abroad often find shocking.

It is reflected, too, in the widespread belief among political activists that it is only necessary to secure a majority in the House of Commons to pursue particular party objectives. The need to take account of what in French is sometimes called the "équilibre" of society is not sufficiently considered.

Right is not without blame

I do not equate Left and Right in this respect. The fault is far more on the Left as the Social Democrats' split from the Labour party and that party's present policies, let alone those advocated by its extremists, show. But the Right is not blameless and Gresham's Law needs to be resisted as much in politics as in financial policy.

This is particularly so in view of the uneven spread of progress, prosperity and problems across our country. Poverty, urban deprivation and youth unemployment are to be found all over Europe. But when I compare what I have seen in Britain with what I have seen on the Continent, it is the enormous concentrations and the scale in terms of area and number of people involved that stands out in Glasgow, Liverpool and some other cities.

We in the Conservative party have turned our backs on the worthless panaceas of the past for dealing with these problems. But the problems themselves must command our most urgent attention. The old adage about a chain being as strong as its weakest link applies with particular force to national unity and the stability of society. Britain, despite her formidable unity and cohesiveness, can be no exception.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dictatorship and a secret police

SIR—Articulate and soft-spoken politicians of the Left, like Mr Tony Benn, have long been pleading that there is nothing frightening about Marxism-Leninism. They say that it leads to social justice (whatever that is) and to a fairer distribution of wealth.

But Marxism-Leninism is very frightening, for two reasons. The first is that if Marxism-Leninism takes over in a country, within a matter of weeks, a dictator takes charge.

The second is that the moment the dictator takes charge he creates a State secret police, responsible to no one except himself, and whose main function is to keep him in power.

This simple truth does not only apply to the Left, it is equally true of Right-wing dictators all over the world.

Once the State secret police takes charge, all freedom and individual liberty fly out of the window. It is the State secret police that is a "great enemy" of free men. This is the direction in which Mr Scargill, Mr Benn, Mr Kitson, Mr Skinner, Mr McGahey would have us go.

It is classical Marxist-Leninist dogma that the first duty of a Marxist-Leninist group in a country is to designate the police by every way possible.

The miners' strike has given our own Marxist-Leninists a splendid chance of carrying out the gospel, and while "dictator" and "secret police" are being applied according to these policies.

What I can't understand is why those who claim to be democrats, believing in parliamentary government, with all men being equal under the law, don't shout out from the house-tops about what is going on.

The ordinary Briton is not a political animal, but he has a basic instinct for survival.

Tell him about "the great enemy." Explain in the toughest of terms how Marxism-Leninism leads to dictatorship. If democracy does not defend itself, democracy dies.

JOHN BRUCE LOCKHART
Reform Club.

Always smiling

SIR—I have always understood that the Queen's hats are designed with three main objectives, which I think they achieve.

First, to complement her clothes, second, to survive high winds or rain without causing Her Majesty annoyance or distress and finally—and perhaps most important—to allow us to see her face, nearly always smiling despite aching legs and feet.

Incidentally, it would be interesting to know how many Canadian reporters are already showing the first signs of varicose veins, or even hiding them away.

BRENDA LOVE
Cheltenham.

The boredom factor

SIR—With reference to the Queen's visit to Canada and those who criticise her for looking bored, have they not thought that they themselves may be boring?

J. B. SORAPURE
Bournemouth.

Away from the office

SIR—The letter from Mr Frank Griffiths (Oct. 5) was most interesting. Having been an executive secretary for many years, I would suggest that the "boss," whatever his profession, has none of the complexes suggested.

In most cases, the job of obtaining business (whether in the United Kingdom or abroad) warrants a good deal of time away from the office and is the cause of many letters and internal memoranda being signed by conscientious and efficient secretarial staff, with the full blessing of the originator.

Perhaps Mr Griffiths would prefer no answered mail piling up on desks simply because of his own attitude?

JENNIFER MILLINGTON,
Asst. to Marketing Director,
British Aerospace,
London, S.W.1.

Covered on all sides

SIR—In reply to Mr Frank Griffiths's letter, I can confirm from experience that at four of his assumptions regarding the writers of business communications (or instigators, to be more accurate) are correct.

A line to quick mumble about "dropping a line to so and so, telling him 'you're a bit out of it, don't you? You sign it and send it off.' The Great Ode is covered on all sides.

Duty is seen to have been performed. If the communication is well received, his name is on the bottom, albeit prefaced by the ubiquitous "p.p." and he can take the credit.

If it makes tidal waves, he can disclaim any knowledge of the contents and blame—guess who?

ANNE M. BROWN
Biogley, W. Yorks.

Tax restriction on new jobs

From the Rt Hon. DAVID HOWELL, M.P. (Con.)
SIR—I was glad to see your City Editor calling for a concerted attack on the "supply side" restrictions in the economy, which stand in the way of employment expansion.

But he did not mention the biggest restriction of all on jobs, namely the persistence of a very heavy burden of taxation on working people.

The 1979 Conservative Manifesto promised a "cut in income tax at all levels, to reward hard work, responsibility and success." This, combined with the early removal of the employers' national insurance contribution, at least for a start-on young workers, should be the top priority in the Government's measures for higher employment.

It would be a miserable distortion of economic logic if the argument prevailed that job-creating tax cuts had now to be further postponed because the current spuriously precise public borrowing targets allowed no room for them.

It may be that we cannot yet afford the really low tax levels which some of us would like to see. But there is certainly scope for a first round of substantial tax reductions without any risk of renewed inflation.

This is now an essential component part of the Government's strategy—now I hope to be unfettered, for creating a fully occupied society.

DAVID HOWELL
House of Commons.

Emergency payments

From the Joint Parliamentary Sec. of State, Dept. of Health and Social Security
SIR—I can reassure Mr J. C. Ellis (Sept. 28) and other pensioners overseas that the Government have arranged a system of emergency interim payments so that pensioners overseas continue to receive their pensions during the current industrial dispute concerning DHSS computer staff.

Pensioners overseas should write to Overseas Branch, DHSS, Newcasle upon Tyne, NE98 1YN, giving their full name and address, pension number, type of pension (retirement or widow's), the weekly amount and the normal payment interval (four-weekly or quarterly).

Pensioners normally paid through a bank account should also give the name and address of the bank and the relevant account number.

I am pleased to confirm that an emergency payment to Mr Ellis had already been authorised before his letter appeared in your column.

RAY WHITNEY
London, S.E.1.

Agents beware

SIR—I feel I must correct the statement in the otherwise excellent article by Mr Charles Clover (Oct. 3) on estate agents' literature.

In referring to the disclaimer usually seen at the bottom of an agent's fact sheet describing a particular property, he goes on to say: "getting things wrong... may not be actionable."

Unfortunately, for estate agents and surveyors, such disclaimers are not watertight but are subject to the Unfair Contract Terms Act 1977.

If someone buys a house which does not substantially measure up (literally or metaphorically) to the agent's description, an action will be against the agent.

The test is one of "reasonableness." PETER RICHIE
Upton Britton and Lumb,
Solicitors,
London, S.W.16.

Principles of teaching

SIR—So school inspectors are now recommending that teaching of English should "revert to the best of tried and true principles of 30 years ago," and specifically that simple English grammar should once more be taught to all children.

It is encouraging to learn that those of us who regard a knowledge of grammar as an integral part of the learning of one's own or any other language, and who have been teaching it, and encouraging our staffs to do so, all these years, are back in fashion.

P. G. SPENCER
Headmaster,
Shobrooke House School,
Shobrooke, Devon.

Sensible words

SIR—Congratulations to you for printing under the name of R. Barry O'Brien, the full text (more or less) of the letter sent by the Bishop of Durham, Dr Jenkins, to Mr Walker, Energy Secretary.

The words of the bishop are the most eminently sensible that I have read in any newspaper in the last 30 weeks, that is, since the beginning of the coal strike.

"God moves in mysterious ways. His wonders to perform."

D. A. HARTLEY
Roughley, Lancs.

Origin and associates of Generals for Peace

From Lord CHALFONT and Sir PETER BLAKER, M.P. (Con.)

SIR—Brig Michael Harbottle's discursive response (Oct. 5), on his recent return from Eastern Europe, falls lamentably short of a rebuttal of our detailed charges (Sept. 25) concerning the origins and associates of the so-called Generals for Peace group of which he is Administrator.

Far from indulging in "damaging innuendo" as he alleges, we have stated in the most categorical terms that this group is intimately linked with the Soviet-controlled propaganda machine, via its major front body, the World Peace Council (WPC) and the International Institute for Peace (IIP).

After full consideration of extensive documentary evidence, we decided to make this charge without the protection of the Parliamentary privilege available to us both.

It is incontrovertible that the Generals for Peace were brought together during 1980-81, and were administered as a group during 1981-83, under the aegis of a senior figure in the Soviet international front network.

Four of the eight original group members belonged to the World Peace Council—a totally discredited body denounced by Britain at the United Nations in 1981 as "a one-sided effort to promote disarmament in those countries where public opinion is capable of affecting defence policies and expen-

diture levels, while governments which are immune from public pressure continue to build up their military strength.

Of these four, one is a vice-president of the WPC while another was recently elevated to its top-level Presidential Committee. A third has declared that Soviet deployment of the SS-20 missiles "decreases considerably the nuclear threat against Europe," and the fourth has stated: "If the United States is in a crisis and the economies of Western Europe are in a mess, then the American economy can only benefit from the destruction of Europe."

The chairman of Brig Harbottle's group is a Dutch former general who is not a formal member of the World Peace Council. Yet he is on record in the WPC's journal as claiming that the "foreign strategy of the United States is aimed at reclaiming its position of strength and returning to its old place of world domination."

It greatly concerns us that charitable trusts and some unwary and uninformed public figures should have been induced to give their support to Brig Harbottle's other operation—the Centre for International Peacebuilding—using, as it does, a proven offshoot of the Kremlin's propaganda network. They should reconsider their position without delay.

CHALFONT
PETER BLAKER
Palace of Westminster.

Virgin Atlantic challenges BA on cut in fares

By Air Cdre G. S. COOPER Air Correspondent

VIRGIN ATLANTIC is challenging British Airways through the Civil Aviation Authority to explain why the State airline's winter fares to New York can be halved to 5p a mile while other intercontinental travel charges are maintained at four times the price.

Pan Am and TWA have followed the lead of British Airways in proposing reduced fares across the Atlantic this winter that are only £1 more than Virgin's £258 return fare to New York.

Mr Richard Branson, Virgin's chairman, claims it is reminiscent of the fare cuts which led to the collapse of Laker Airways after the winter of 1981-82.

"In facing a competitor hundreds of times bigger than we are, able to cream off enormous profits through monopoly pricing on hundreds of routes, we can be squashed flat as easily as a mouse under a steamroller," said Mr Branson yesterday.

Predatory pricing

Mr Branson said he had taken the unusual step of applying to the CAA to force BA to apply similar fare cuts on routes to Antigua, Bermuda, Dubai, Nairobi and Nassau.

For the CAA, it will be the first test of its ability to exercise control over predatory pricing since the Government's ruling last Friday that the Authority has the necessary power to defend the airline industry against anti-competitive behaviour.

"If they can afford these level to New York they can afford them on many other routes, to the enormous benefit of consumers," said Mr Branson.

Virgin says its current fare to New York works out at 5p a mile. BA has applied to the CAA to reduce its fare from 8-2p a mile to just over 5p for a few critical months this winter.

The Virgin case in the CAA is if the State airline can afford to do this to New York, it

should do it on its other routes. Virgin says BA's fares in pence per mile work out at 13-1 in Bahrain, 12 to Nairobi, 11 in Bombay and a staggering 18-8 to Athens.

The cut-price airline, which is threatened with a damages loss of traffic if the Government approves BA's low winter fare of £258 return to New York — £1 higher than Virgin's £258 — is asking the CAA to uphold the ruling that fares must be cost-related.

"If BA's costs turn out to be substantially higher than our own, then the proposed London-New York levels are plainly predatory, designed to get rid of us so that fares can be raised again," said Mr Branson. "That is most emphatically not in the consumers' interest."

"If their costs turn out to be as low as our own, then we shall join a tough competitive battle without complaint, much to the consumers' benefit."

"But their fare on other routes will then have been brought into line, to the benefit of hundreds of thousands of travellers all round the world."

June deadline

Mr Branson assured passengers that if there were losses this winter, he would wait until June before deciding whether to carry on or quit the airline business. Under its contract with Boeing, Virgin can hand back its single 747 jumbo jet with little penalty.

Virgin has been in operation now for nearly four months and has had a successful introduction, running with full loads throughout the summer.

Charges dropped in 'ice cream war' trial

THREE men were cleared yesterday of attempted murder in the Glasgow "ice-cream war" trial.

The judge, Lord Kincaid, told the Glasgow High Court jury that there was not enough evidence to find THOMAS LAWRIE, THOMAS CAMPBELL and JOHN CAMPBELL guilty of attempting to murder ice-cream van driver ANDREW DOLAN, 18.

But he said they could bring in verdicts of assault with a shotgun or assault to the danger of life against the three.

A fourth man, THOMAS GRAY, still faces an attempted murder charge.

Thomas Campbell and Joseph

STEELE are accused of murdering six members of the Doyle family by setting fire to their house in Bankend Street, Rutherglen, Glasgow, on April 16 this year in a feud between rival ice-cream sellers.

Gray and a fifth man, GAVIN MOORE, were cleared of murder charges last week.

A sixth accused, GEORGE REID, faces a charge of assault. All six have denied all the charges.

The three attempted murder charges were dropped yesterday as Lord Kincaid began his summing up on the 25th day of the trial.

The hearing was adjourned until today.

QUEEN IN HORSE COUNTRY

By ALLAN COPPS

THE QUEEN began a much-needed holiday in the Blue Grass country of Kentucky yesterday in the privacy of a farm belonging to one of America's leading horsebreeders, Mr William Farish.

She will be staying at Lane's End Farm near Lexington, Kentucky, until Friday hoping to find suitable mates for some of her own racehorses.

She is expected to see three aristocratic stallions, Seattle Slew, Affirmed and Secretariat, who have won America's Triple Crown of racing, the Kentucky Derby, the Belmont Stakes and the Preakness.

The Queen's visit to Kentucky follows an exhausting two-week tour of Canada.

Although termed a private visit, her stay in Kentucky, and later in Wyoming, will be guarded by "Presidential" style security.

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INDIAN GIRL RAPED

By Our Crime Staff

A 19-year-old Indian girl who speaks no English was attacked and raped by four men after she got off a bus in Craofof, Middlesex, it was disclosed yesterday.

Pilot whales lying on a beach at Eastham, near Cape Cod, Mass., where 93 found themselves stranded. Some were 20 feet long and weighed 2,000lb. All were buried.

Shuttle radar sweep looks for lost cities

By IAN BALL in New York

THREE days of uninterrupted radar sweeps over millions of square miles of the Earth's jungles, deserts and seas began yesterday for the crew of the 13th American space shuttle mission.

The most ambitious geological and archaeological survey ever undertaken of the planet has been made possible by giant "picture-making" radar cameras.

Space radar can take pictures at night, through cloud cover and in any kind of weather. It can also reveal, from a height of 140 miles, ground-cover details invisible to the human eye.

The shuttle's radar cameras can see below sand and dry soil to detect features, a few feet below the surface, that may not be known to people who have inhabited a particular region for centuries.

It is not, however, instant archaeology. It will take two years to convert all the data being telemetered back from the space shuttle into black-and-white pictures that scientists throughout the world will be able to study.

Pre-history clues

The radar scan has already covered the Lake Turkana region of Kenya, where anthropologists have found the oldest bones of man.

Since the electronic eye-in-space can reveal ancient river channels, long ago covered by shifting sands, but potential sites of pre-historic human activity, it is hoped the radar pictures will give clues to other sites of archaeological interest.

The images are obtained by beaming radar microwaves at the Earth's surface from a 33 ft by 7 ft antenna in the shuttle's cargo bay. The antenna records the echo patterns and

A MEEK DRAW FOR KASPAROV

By B. H. WOOD

THE tenth game of the world championship match in Moscow yesterday was all over, agreed drawn, in only 15 moves, making it easily the shortest game of the match so far.

Gary Kasparov has lost an opportunity of pressing for his first win with the slight advantage of the white pieces, but has gained a couple of days to recover his shattered morale. He remains 0-4 down in a contest which will be won by the first player to win six.

Anatoly Karpov adopted the Queen's Indian set-up with a bishop on QN2, for the fourth time in five games. Kasparov's 5th move was a quiet one which he favours. By the 15th move Karpov had equalised.

It was Kasparov who offered the draw. Karpov accepted after 20 minutes' reflection.

Queen's Indian Defence.	
KASPAROV (White)	KARPV (Black)
1 P-Q4	N-KB3
2 P-QB4	P-K3
3 N-B3	P-QN3.
4 N-B2	N-B2
5 P-R4	P-Q4
6 PxP	N-P
7 P-K5	N-Q2
8 B-Q3	N(O4)-KB3
9 P-K4	P-B4
10 P-Q3	PxP
11 PxP	B-Q3
12 Castles	Castles
13 B-KN3	O-B2
14 B-B5	P-QR3
15 Q-Q3	P-B3

Electronic mail 'in danger from unseen eyes'

By MICHAEL BECKET City Staff

THERE is a growing danger that your mail, bank account and wallet will be available to an intruder, without your even knowing about it because so much information is transmitted electronically without adequate security, the Institution of Electrical Engineers said yesterday.

Increasingly, funds are being transmitted between computers, said the institution.

Soon shops are expected to start installing automatic terminals for deducting customers' bills from bank accounts.

In addition, information is also sent between computers and all of these offer "considerable opportunities for illicit interference".

The technology for protection is already available, the Institution adds, but lack of standards is preventing mass production of the equipment.

Identify checks

It is relatively easy to code the transmissions to make them secure, but until there is international agreement on the standards for connection, manufacturers will not make the devices said a report by the institution.

It also pointed out that with a growing number of micro-computers having access to the telephone network, they could dial into corporate computers. Some computers already ask for personal identification numbers before allowing access, but "there is considerable room for improvement in existing systems." Failure to implement safeguards also endangered private information.

An increasing proportion of the information that is currently sent by letter post will be carried by electronic mail services which are much easier to intercept than an envelope, the report said.

BR CLOSURE OFF

Plans to close part of the British Rail operation at March in Cambridgeshire have been dropped—saving almost 200 threatened jobs. Closure of the footplate depot next year has been scrapped in part because of an increase in rail traffic.

\$1m APPEAL FOR KIDNEY PATIENTS

By Our Health Services Correspondent

PATIENTS, who have undergone kidney transplant operations, joined forces in Trafalgar Square yesterday to launch a £1 million appeal to enable more patients to be offered the operation on the NHS.

They were joined by Mr Michael Bewick, a leading transplant surgeon, who said that the money would enable Dulwich Hospital to double the number of transplant plants at no extra cost to the NHS.

He said the money would be used to build a new ward for kidney patients. If the patients were centralised, he would be able to increase the number of transplants from about 70 to 120 a year.

Went blind

Five mothers who have had kidney transplants, tossed a huge coin in the air in a symbolic act of showing the odds against receiving treatment for kidney failure.

One of them, Mrs Gillian Hall, 35, from Brentwood, Essex, said she was so ill before her transplant that she went blind for six weeks.

£52,000 LEFT BY SIR STANLEY

By Our Estates Correspondent

Sir Stanley Hooker, the man responsible for the supercharging by 30 per cent of the Merling Rolls-Royce engine which was used by Spitfires during the Battle of Britain, who died on May 24, aged 76, left an estate valued at £52,832 net (£63,228 gross) in his will published yesterday.

Latest wills—P14

Beryl seldom flares up

Beryl B, Mobil's newest North Sea oil production platform, doesn't go in for flamboyance. Instead of lighting the night sky with a fiery display from her flare stack, Beryl B plans on holding back the burning off of excess gas. There will, however, be more to Beryl's comparatively small flame than mere modesty.

The natural gas that bubbles to the surface with oil is far too valuable a commodity to waste on pyrotechnics. Instead, Beryl B will use that gas. Some of it will fuel the platform's new Rolls Royce-driven generators. These, in turn, are to run a compressor to force the gas back to the subsea wells under pressure of more than 5,000 pounds per square inch. There, the gas is going to help to force more oil to the surface than would otherwise be possible. And with that oil will come still more gas to continue the cycle.

From a fiscal point of view, every one percent increase in oil production in the North Sea brings about £80 million a year to the Exchequer. More importantly, though, gas injection as planned for Beryl B helps to conserve a significant energy source for future needs.

Of course, Beryl B won't be unique for the small size of her flame. Sister platform Beryl A's flare is already the picture of discretion. And so it should be. Seven years ago Beryl A was the British North Sea pioneer in gas injection and ever since she's led the field in gas conservation.

Even now, few of her neighbours can hold a candle to her.

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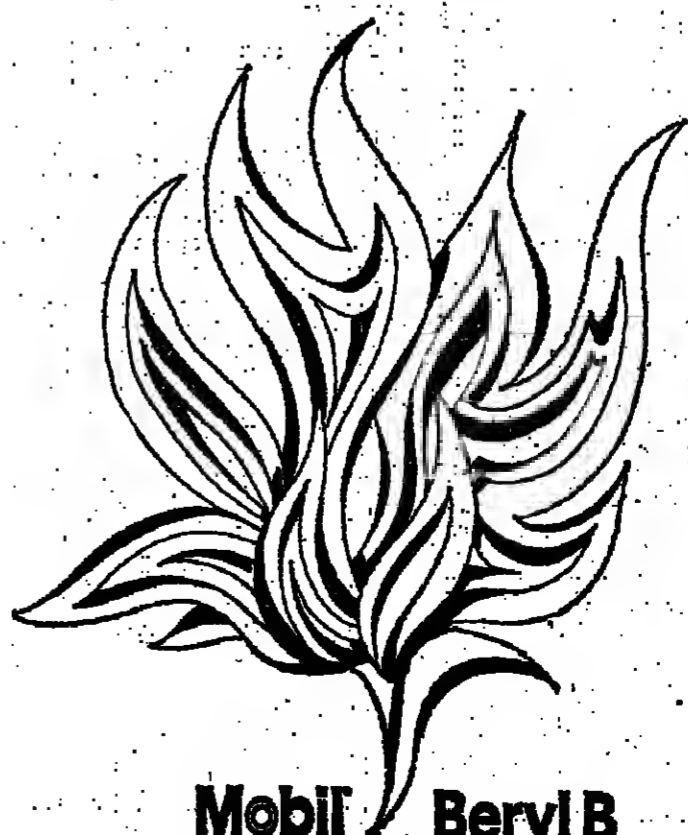
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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

City's eastern fringe set for expansion

By BRUCE KINLOCH

MORE than half the office space in the City of London is located in 25 p.c. of its area. Control on the Bank of England, the core contains high densities of offices and employment, and is the location of the larger office buildings.

The core of the City is generally accepted as lying within London Wall, St. Martin's Lane, New Change, Cannon Street, Eastcheap, Mark Lane, Fenchurch Street (west of Mark Lane) and Bevis Marks.

Although the bulk of City office development over the past two decades has taken place within the central core, demand for large floor areas has pushed office development to fringe areas of the City.

Because the Barbican to the north-west, St. Paul's Cathedral to the west and the River Thames to the south act as natural barriers, most of the fringe development so far has been confined to the east around Aldgate and to the north-east at Chiswell Gardens. But recent movement clearly indicates that the up-to-date neglected eastern City fringe will become the next area for expansion.

The area is bounded to the west by Aldgate, to the east by the National Westminster Bank computer centre, to the south by St. Katherine's Dock and to the north by Whitechapel High Street.

Take-up in this area over the past seven years amounts to 1.5 million sq. ft. of new offices. When the second-hand space is added the total is around 250,000 sq. ft. on average each year.

According to Richard Main, senior partner of Richard Main & Company, who appeared as an expert witness at a recent public inquiry, the current availability amounts to just over 100,000 sq. ft. of second-hand space plus 125,000 sq. ft. in New 1 Prescott Street, London E1.

Office space in the pipeline—that is space for which planning permission has been granted or is expected to be granted—amounts to up to 198,000 sq. ft. or an annual average of 174,700.

It is therefore clear that if demand continues only at the rate of the past seven years it will exceed supply, and judging

from recent lettings the annual rate is already well in excess of 250,000 sq. ft.

The property in Prescott Street is owned by the Co-operative Wholesale Society. It offers a number of occupation options within the 125,000 sq. ft. of air-conditioned offices. Although some of the space has been built on existing land, the complex is really a rebuild rather than a refurbishment.

The property is on the market through Richard Main & Company and St. Dunin at an asking price of £14.5 million, which gives an overall occupation cost of £27.50 a sq. ft., including rates of £10 a sq. ft.—the property is in Tower Hamlets, where the rates are the lowest of the fringe boroughs—and service charges of £5.50 a sq. ft.

The only other comparable building in the whole of the City area is Triton Court, Insbury Square, which is more expensive and is in Islington, where the rates are second only to Southwark in terms of size.

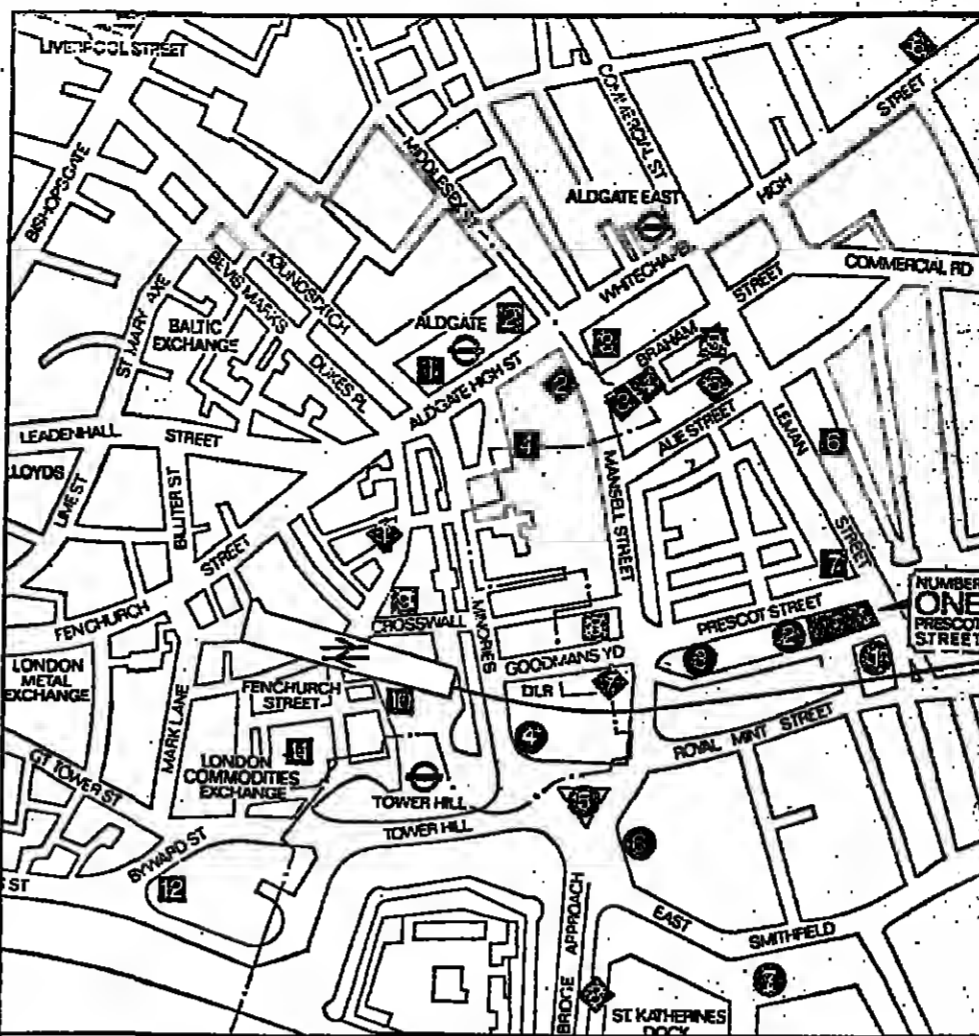
Tower Hamlets has identified three sites in the eastern City fringe where major office development is proposed. One is the Royal Mint site, East Smithfield, where a maximum of 250,000 sq. ft. of offices can be built. No developer has yet been selected nor has planning permission been granted, and it is unlikely that office space will be completed before the end of the decade.

Another is the Minories car park site, the bulk of which is owned by the Corporation of London. Permission has been granted for a comprehensive scheme including the Docklands Light Railway terminus and the Island site, land recently sold by the Greater London Council.

The third site is Whitechapel High Street's north side, but once again it is unlikely that developers could start within two years with a major scheme.

But developers are busy in the area and a steady supply of air-conditioned offices suitable for occupation by major international companies is in the pipeline. One such development is the Gardiner's Plaza project of Central & City Properties, which comprises 155,000 sq. ft. of offices on a plot of land between Allie Street and Commercial Street, E1.

In all there are 15 offices currently available in the area and City companies seeking space will find the greatest choice there. It is clear that this eastern fringe of the City will see the greatest expansion in the next few years.



LOCAL OCCUPIERS	CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS	PROPOSED OFFICE DEVELOPMENTS
1 EAGLE STAR	1 FRIARS CT, CRUTCHED	1 120 LEMAN STREET
2 SEDGWICK FORBES	2 SOMERSET HSE,	2 17/19 PRESCOTT ST
3 BAIN DAVES	3 MANSELL ST	3 24/26 PRESCOTT ST
4 OCL	4 STANLEY HSE,	4 TOWER HILL
5 NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK & CENTRE-FIELD LTD	5 CAMPERDOWN HSE,	5 TOWER HILL (ISLAND SITE)
6 J.H. MINET & CO. LTD	6 ERAHAM STREET	6 ROYAL MINT SITE
7 HOCO ROBINSON, STANDARD & CHARTERED BANK	7 GARDINERS PLAZA, ALIE ST	7 ST KATHERINE DOCK
8 M.W. MARSHALL & CO. LTD	8 BLACK LION HSE,	
9 LLOYDS REGISTRY OF SHIPPING	9 WHITECHAPEL HIGH ST	
10 MIDLAND BANK PLC	10 GOODMANS COURT,	
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Westminster lifts payout

TURNOVER of Westminster & Country Properties for the year to April 30, 1984, was up from just over £5 million to £8.3 million. Pre-tax profits were £235,000 against £108,000. Earnings per share came up at 22.5p, compared with 18.5p, and there is a final dividend of 4.75p, making a total for the year of 27.5p against 26p.

Baring in Holland House

THE London group, through marketing of the building begun agents Hampton & Sons, has let the entire fifth floor of Holland House, Bury Street, London, able interest particularly within EC3 to Baring Far East Securities, a newly formed subsidiary of Baring Brothers at a rent of around £150 a sq. ft. Hillier Richards Butler & Company for Parker Mar & Rowden's City office acted for Baring. Hampton's states that since was placed back on the market.

Hongkong Land confirms offers for Excelsior

HONGKONG LAND confirmed yesterday that it has received a number of offers for the 951-room Excelsior Hotel in Hong Kong, and said if a high enough offer is made it will consider selling.

Local sources say the Excelsior is worth HK\$700 million (£72.5 million), but Hongkong Land spokesman said a higher figure was being sought for the profitable hotel.

The group has released financial details of the hotel to a few potential buyers, but will not reveal the names of the parties involved.

David Davies, the Land company's chief executive, who flies to London today, said in Hong Kong that the company would only agree to a sale if the sale realised significantly reduced group indebtedness.

Mr Davies says asset sales are not central to the group's overall objectives. Even Hongkong Land made asset sales earlier this year when hotel interests were for sale.

Most of the market talk has been about the Mandarin, the Central District of Hong Kong, but speculation about the Mandarin has always been discounted by the company.

Mr Davies was in London to deny that the Mandarin was involved in the current discussions.

Besides the 100 p.c. owned Mandarin and Excelsior Hotels, the group also has interests in several other hotels in the Far East, including a 50 p.c. stake in the newly completed Ramoap Excelsior. It also has a 25 p.c. stake in the Mandarin in Vancouver, Canada.

U.S. investments bearing fruit for coal pension funds

SINCE a decision of the High Court allowed the fund managers of the National Coal Board pension funds to proceed with its takeover bid for the quoted real estate investment trust Ramoap, based in Oakland, California, the trust has been fully integrated with Pan American Properties, the American investment vehicle of both the Staff Superannuation Scheme and the Mine-workers' Pension Scheme.

The new joint company in the United States has gross assets of \$750 million, and is by far the largest property investment organisation in America.

High Jenkins, director-general of investments of the joint funds, says that a great deal of rationalisation has been carried out on the Ramoap portfolio and virtually all its short-term debt has been eliminated without having to remit any cash from the United Kingdom.

Ramoap is now operated from Pan American's New York offices with only a token operation left in Oakland. Pan American is highly profitable and the investment in both Continental Illinois Properties, an earlier real estate invest-

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